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OFFICER ON PATROL FOUND PACKAGE – court told

Barry man jailed for attempting to smuggle drugs into Parc prison

A DRUG supplier who took cannabis and heroin to Parc Prison, Bridgend, has been jailed for three years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Craig Gibson (22) of Robin's Lane, Barry, had been found guilty of possessing cannabis and heroin with intent to supply.

Prosecutor David Thomas said that a security officer at the prison was patrolling the perimeter fence with a dog, when he found a package and a mobile phone. Inside the package, was a quantity of drugs with a street value of £859.

Gibson's fingerprints were found on the package.

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

He denied the charges, said he took drugs, but knew nothing about the package.

He was found not guilty of conveying a prohibited article into the prison.

Mr Thomas said he had convictions for supplying cannabis, and possessing cannabis with intent to supply.

His solicitor Derek Gooden said: "He now fully accepts his guilt. He has been in custody since February."

Judge David Wynn Morgan said he didn't actually take the drugs into the prison, but was prepared to supply them to

another person.

An aggravating feature, said the judge, was the speed at which Gibson had re-offended after being sentenced for previous offences.

"That those drugs were bound for Parc Prison makes it a serious offence.

"You were part of a supply chain and you had something to do with it, with your fingerprints on the package.

"I must say, I am impressed by a letter you have sent to me."

A report, said the judge, suggested that commonsense had started to prevail.

He added: "I hope very much I don't see you again."



LEFT: Keith Jones, who received a golden care accolade.

Gold standard award for caring Pyle man Keith

RESIDENTS at a Bridgend home have always known that their manager is pure gold – and now it's official.

For at this year's Wales Care Awards, Keith Jones of Pyle picked up a prestigious gold award after being nominated by one of the men in his care.

The awards are organised by Care Forum Wales to highlight excellence in the caring profession. Keith (42) was shortlisted in the category for 'Promoting Fulfilled Lives', which is sponsored by Boots. The ceremony took place in Cardiff's City Hall.

Keith worked as a taxi driver for six years, but became interested in the care field as a result of taking a relief worker position alongside his then employment as

a taxi driver. He began working as a part-time carer for adults with learning disabilities, working his way up to a management position.

For the past four years, he has been manager of the unit in Park Street, Bridgend, which is owned by the Hafal organisation.

The unit accommodates adults with mental health problems, acting as a 'halfway' house to prepare them for independent living. Most of them spend two to three years at the home.

Keith was nominated for the award by one of the residents, who has since moved out into his own accommodation.

He wrote of Keith: "Everybody who has worked here and has lived here has enjoyed his company. He is fun to be with and is

friendly and understanding."

Keith said he derived great satisfaction from seeing the service-users achieve their goals:

"They may seem very trivial things to most people, but to the residents themselves they can be very significant steps, and it is so satisfying to see a smile on their faces when they achieve things," he said.

For that reason, when people move on from the Park Street unit, although he is sorry to see them go, it means that they are ready to start fending for themselves.

Even when they have moved into other accommodation, they tend to keep in touch with Keith.

"I enjoy coming into work and I am not in it to get awards. It's just a great job," he commented.

Woman (34) dies in car crash

A WOMAN has died after a crash on the road between Llangenor and Brynmynyn.

South Wales Police is appealing for witnesses, following the fatal road traffic collision that happened at 10:10am on Tuesday, November 8, on the A4064 Brynmynyn to Llangenor road.

A police spokesman said: "One vehicle was involved – a green BMW 325.

"As a result of the collision, a 34-year-old female, who lived locally, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at scene.

"Her two female passengers, aged 14 years and two years, sustained injuries and are now receiving treatment at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend.

"A police family liaison officer has been appointed and is supporting the next of kin. HM Coroner has been informed."

Inspector Rob Gwynne-Thomas of the South Wales Police Roads Policing Unit said: "We are appealing for any witnesses to this incident to come forward.

"The road was busy at the time and we would like to speak to any person who wit-

nessed the collision, or who stopped to provide assistance.

"The road was closed for approximately five hours, while police carried out a forensic collision investigation and recovered the vehicle."

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Roads Policing Unit in Gwalet-y-Garth on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111



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'RADICAL SOLUTION NEEDED FOR THE WELSH ECONOMY'

IAM absolutely delighted that the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science, Edwina Hart, has asked Professor Brian Morgan to undertake a review of business rates in Wales.

Having only just emerged from the worst recession in living memory, with the economy at best 'flat lining' and with the potential prospect of a 'double dip recession', it seems perverse to be taxing the very businesses that might create the economic growth that we so desperately

need. It is a fact that business rates discourage innovation, enterprise and entrepreneurial activity.

The tax prevents business start-ups, affects profitability and pushes many businesses which are in trouble, over the edge into bankruptcy.

It is also a fact that business rates, alongside Employers' National Insurance Contributions, have to be paid before a business has made a single penny in profit.

Is it any wonder that businesses are struggling and that unemployment, particularly among our

young people, is increasing month on month?

I would urge all business organisations, chambers of trade, traders' organisations and businesses large and small to make sure that Professor Morgan is absolutely clear that business rates must be reformed and ideally abolished.

A failure to produce a truly radical solution will condemn the Welsh economy to another decade of under-performance.

Coun Rhodri Traherne,
(Cabinet member for economic development and regeneration at the Vale Council).

'IT'S TIME FOR US TO THINK DIFFERENTLY!'

YOU can always tell that there is an election just around the corner when the political big guns are wheeled out – and last week was no exception with a full broadside fired at Porthcawl First by Coun Rosemary Deere in last week's edition of The GEM.

Typically, she has sought to politicise the emergence of a pressure group whose aim is to influence change within local politics for the benefit of the silent majority of people in Porthcawl.

Coun Deere's correspondence displayed a complete lack of understanding and naivety towards a very simply-worded letter from Porthcawl First.

It is not a political party, it has no manifesto or spending plans and seeks only to influence

different thinking from elected councillors, so that the town comes first, regardless of political ideology and I fully support that view.

Everyone in Porthcawl wants to see more leisure facilities and these should be paid for by private businesses investing in our community, together with a commitment and desire from BCBC to ensure this is brought about, so that Porthcawl can attract investment and that means different thinking at town and community level.

The days of sitting back and slurring on a cup of Earl Grey while nibbling at the icing off the top of a cherry bakewell are well and truly over.

It would appear that Coun Deere is sadly losing touch of what local residents want, which will become glaringly apparent next May when she is challenged for her seat in West Central.

Coun Sean Aspey,
Nottage

'Residents' group is non-party political'

COUN Rosemary Deere's response to the Porthcawl First statement (GEM, last week) reinforces our lack of confidence in the ability of the current town council, given as it is by party politics, to represent the people and businesses of Porthcawl.

I suggest that Coun Deere reads through the original statement once more and takes particular note of the section: "Aims & Objectives of Porthcawl First" – in which we plainly state what our objectives are.

Our goal is to influence a town council such that it would represent the best interests of the residents and businesses of Porthcawl.

Plans are for the town council to make, taking into account the wishes of the people of Porthcawl – without any party political consideration.

To imagine that we are suggesting that Porthcawl townspeople should foot the bill for regeneration is clearly ridiculous, and I am surprised that a town and county councillor would even imply that we are suggesting that.

By the way, Porthcawl First is not 'my' organisation; it is a collection of non-party political people who are fed up with the way our town council has let us down over the years, particularly in the way it has let BCBC spend our council taxes anywhere but in Porthcawl.

E John Howley,
Porthcawl



ABOVE: Bridgend Rec – one of the top performing leisure centres in the UK.

'Friendly Rec staff' praised in Bridgend

BRIDGEND Recreation Centre has been praised following an assessment by external benchmarking and quality assessors Quest.

The nationally-recognised organisation has already accredited other council-run leisure centres in Bridgend county borough, such as Maesteg Sports Centre, Pencoeed Swimming Pool, Ogmore Valley Life Centre, Pyle Swimming Pool, as well as the council's sports development service.

Supported by Sport Wales, Quest aims to help sport and leisure

facilities enhance, improve and develop the quality of their services.

The centre was praised for the range of facilities offered, friendliness of staff and quality of swimming lessons.

Coun Lyn Morgan, cabinet member for Wellbeing, said: "The centre continues to be one of the top performing leisure centres in the UK."

"A good score at this level requires all-round competence, efficiency and high quality."

"The council is seeking to extend the accreditation to its other sports facilities as it aspires to become the leading sport and physical activity service in Wales."

St John member Jordan welcomed to the Palace

A TEENAGER from Caerau was among 90 young people from around the UK who were invited to a 'Young Achievers' reception at Buckingham Palace.

Princess Anne welcomed St John members, including 16-year-old Jordan Davies, of Maesteg.

Of the 90 youngsters, 10 were from Wales. Keith Dunn, chief executive of St John Wales, said: "I'm delighted that we were able to send young members to the Palace

to meet Her Royal Highness Princess Anne. It's so pleasing that we had so many exceptional representatives going to such a prestigious occasion."

St John Wales has a vibrant and growing youth movement – 60 per cent of its 4,700 volunteers are under the age of 18.

The charity is committed to offering young people a wide range of opportunities and organises a series of international and national events every year.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL NOVEMBER 17)
The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
10 Thur	05.50	9.3	18.07	9.5
11 Fri	06.23	9.4	18.41	9.4
12 Sat	06.55	9.6	19.11	9.5
13 Sun	07.25	9.4	19.46	9.2
14 Mon	08.01	9.3	20.20	9.2
15 Tues	08.36	9.1	20.57	8.9
16 Wed	09.13	8.8	21.39	8.4
17 Thur	10.02	8.5	22.29	8.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where tide could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Y Bont plea for festive prizes

YBONT is a purpose-built family centre in Bridgend that provides care and support to babies and children with a disability, special needs or medical condition.

Our services include nurseries in Bridgend and Caerau, an After-School Club, and Saturday Club and Holiday Playscheme.

Many of our children are unable to access other settings because of their complex needs, but at Y Bont, they can access play, support and medical care with specially-trained staff.

Raising money is becoming more and

more difficult for all charities, especially in the current economic climate.

As an independent local charity, we rely heavily on the support of local people, businesses and groups to help us continue our good work providing much-needed assistance to the families of children with disabilities in the Bridgend area.

We are aiming to raise £2,000 from this year's Christmas raffle and would be most grateful if anyone could help us achieve our target by kindly donating a prize to help support this worthy local cause!

Marged Griffiths,
General Manager, Y Bont

Tax help for aged

THANKS to The GEM, our regular income tax surges throughout the area are very busy, and considerable numbers of people are assisted with free professional help and advice.

Income tax queries/problems can cause the older person a lot of stress.

May I ask that you advise our older readers that our helpline 0845 6013321 exists to offer help with problems.

Where necessary, we

can arrange home visits by one of our volunteers, or alternatively, we hold regular clinics throughout south and west Wales.

At Pencoeed Library on Tuesday, November 22 and Barry Age Concern offices in Holton Road, there is a drop-in, no appointment necessary (10am to 12pm) on Monday.

Contact 0845 60133221 for further information.

TaxHelp for Older People

We welcome your news: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

Bridgend link with Olympics

IREAD with interest Philip Irwin's piece on Luke Wendon's association with the Olympics in last week's GEM.

There is an exhibition currently showing at Bridgend Recreation Centre, called Following the Flame, which highlights Wales' successful Olympians and Paralympians since 1896.

The exhibitions take the visitor on a fascinating journey from the foundations of the Games in ancient Greece, through to their demise when violence tarnished the Olympic ideal of fairplay; to the central role of Britain in the re-establishment of the Olympics in 1896 – and in the creation of the Paralympics in 1948.

The exhibitions give voice to the visions of our sporting stars (from

the 70-plus video interviews conducted) and display photographs (many not seen before) of Welsh Olympians and Paralympians, as well as a fine collection of Welsh sporting memorabilia (including Tanni Grey-Thompson's racing chair, Olympic torches, Olympic and Paralympic gold, silver and bronze medals (including William LeBeau's Stockholm 1912 bronze), Lynn Davies' 1964 Ewenny Pottery commemorative mug, and the bathing costume of Irene Steer, Wales' first female medalist).

Following the Flame is part of Wales' contribution to the Cultural Olympiad, a series of five projects which make up The Power of the Flame. It's a great exhibition and it's in Bridgend until January. **Kelley Howlett-Booth,**
Llantwit Major

Toyah sings for the Glamorgan WI!

NORMA HUTIN reported on the autumn council meeting, which members had attended last month: the numbers attending had been lower than usual, with 373 members representing 70 WIs.

The new head of Denman College spoke about changes at the WI College, which include a new shop and cookery school. In July of next year, Glamorgan

Federation will be arranging a visit to the college and the activities will include water-colours, family history and jewellery making.

The guest speaker at the meeting was Toyah Wilcox, who was very entertaining and sang well.

Groups in Ewenny and Comtown have been approached for ideas on how services in the village could be improved to make the community self-sufficient. Margaret Batten will attend the first meeting on our

behalf.

Following the business meeting, Margaret Batten welcomed the speaker for the evening, Belinda Ashong from Glamorgan Heritage Coast, which was designated 35 years ago. The aim is to conserve and protect the unspoiled 14 miles of coastline between Aberthaw Power Station in the east and Newton in the west.

Using some lovely photographs, we journeyed along the coast, seeing the dramatic rock structures with the wave

cut platforms, wildlife and children's activities.

Belinda explained the work of the rangers, with a band of volunteers, to conserve wild flowers, provide a habitat for wildlife, maintain the footpath and provide activities for school children.

The area is studied by many geographers and geologists, as the wave cut platforms are the best in Europe.

FIONA CATER
Merthyr Mawr WI

Court's conditional discharge for local man's sex offender register offence

A YOUNG man, described as vulnerable and with the mental age of a 12-year-old, has been given a conditional discharge for one year at Cardiff Crown Court.

Daniel Jones, 22, of Charles Street, Bridgend, was convicted by Vale Magistrates of failing to notify the authorities of a change of address in connection with the sex offender register, and had been committed to Crown Court for sentence.

He had initially been

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

sentenced for facilitating the commission of a sex offence with a minor.

Prosecutor Claire Fear said that on July 14, Jones was living at Charles Street.

The authorities made a routine visit to the address and were told he had not been there for three weeks, and had moved to another address in the town.

He was arrested there and taken to Bridgend Police Station, where he made full and frank admis-

sions, saying: "I just didn't think".

His solicitor, Adam Sharpe, said: "There were no aggravating features at all."

"When arrested, he threatened to harm himself."

"At the moment, he is in a state of acute anxiety. He carried out all the conditions of the community order which had been imposed for the original offence, and he was currently engaging with the authorities."

Mr Sharpe said that Jones was in a stable

relationship and had returned to his original address in Bridgend after suffering problems with bullying.

"He is anxious to ensure he will not repeat this behaviour."

Judge Patrick Curran said: "I am prepared to deal with this on the basis that you were forgetful, rather than deliberate."

He said he had to understand that it was important he did not commit such an offence again.

If he did, said the judge, he could go to prison.

Belated 'wedding present' for Pencoed carer Lisa

GERMAN-BORN Lisa Beckmann (28) who became Mrs James Taylor in July, won the bronze award at the gala final of the care profession's most prestigious awards night.

Lisa had just completed her Open University exams in health and social care, when she found herself as a finalist in the Wales Care Awards.

The awards recognise the unsung heroes by rewarding the best in the caring professions.

The Oscars night style celebration was held at Cardiff City Hall, staged in association with Care Forum Wales, the organisation which represents more than 500 care homes and independent care sector organisations.

Lisa, of Pencoed, Bridgend, a care sector worker for seven years, has been nominated in the supported living care practitioner category, sponsored jointly by ACT and Smartcare, by her manager at April Complete Care Solutions, Wendy Duckworth.

It recognised some of the outstanding work Lisa had done in caring for young people with severe disabilities.

She arrived in the UK from Germany with her family in 1999, as her father took up a post as a university science lecturer. He's now based at Aberystwyth and commutes from his family home in Cardiff.

Lisa started work as an agency carer supporting people in their own homes, in the Vale.

"I enjoyed it, but it was totally different from the way we work now. It was half an hour here and

half an hour there, without time to really get to know anyone - everything was so fast."

She left care work for a while and spent some time working at restaurants and pubs at Cardiff and Bridgend. She also helped out part-time at a café set up four years ago by one of her two brothers, called Crumbs, a baguette shop in Pencoed.

"My brother runs the place with some help from my husband James and I poke my nose in from time to time, but I have had to pull back from that now because of all my other work," said Lisa.

She also finds time to help out looking after her little sister Eda (5) who has Downs syndrome. Whatever spare time is left, she likes to spend, walking, painting, knitting and sewing.

Husband James is a music teacher and is learning sign language and developing his skills to handle music teaching for children with disabilities.

Parents of the children Lisa cares for were quick to add their names to her nomination, to thank her for her outstanding work and wrote glowing commendations.

Among the many internal awards she has already received, Lisa won the Huw Jenkins Memorial Award, estab-

lished in memory of a 27-year-old young man who sadly passed away in February 2010.

Lisa also won a bursary which allowed her to do a health and social care course with Open University.

During the past year, Lisa has also gained her NVQ Level 3 in Health & Social Care as well as Level 2 Diploma in Institute of Leadership and Management.

"I would love to work with young autistic adults and people with challenging behaviour and I would love to be a foster mother," she said.



ABOVE:
Top carer Lisa.

Quiz night raises £220 for RNLI



PICTURED, left to right: Carol Lowery, hon sec Porthcawl RNLI; John L Abraham, chairman Porthcawl RNLI; Yvonne Walder; Larry Walder, Quizmaster; Christine Matthews, landlady, General Picton; Julie Nash, chief, The General Picton; David Shillaw, hon treasurer, Porthcawl RNLI.

NEARLY NEW SALE AT SCHOOL

THERE will be a nearly new sale at Bryntirion Comprehensive School, Bridgend, on Saturday, November 12 (from 11am-12.30pm).

Doors open at 10.45am for NCT members with a membership card. Entrance/suggested donation £1/family. Baby/children's clothes, toys, equipment (eg prams) and maternity wear.

Sellers contact Julie on 01656 662564.

Donations, cakes and raffle prizes gratefully received. Helpers required.

Proceeds in aid of The National Childbirth Trust Vale and Valleys branch (formerly Bridgend, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major branch).

A QUIZ night in aid of the RNLI was held at The General Picton public house, New Road, Porthcawl, on Saturday, October 29.

Quizmaster Larry Walder and his wife, Yvonne, travelled specially from Southampton to conduct the quiz.

About 40 people attended

the quiz and a sausage and mash meal was provided for each of the contestants.

Christine Matthews, the landlady of The General Picton, provided the function room free of charge for the event and the meals at cost price.

The quiz night raised £220 for the Porthcawl branch of the RNLI.

Pictures by KEITH E MORGAN



LEFT: Mair and Leslie receive a bouquet of flowers from the Porthcawl Town Council, presented by the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Barbara Stubbs and Consort Bill Stubbs.

Porthcawl couple celebrate their diamond wedding in style!

MAIR MARKS and Leslie Davies met overlooking the harbour in Tenby and were married in Capel Als, Marblehall Road, Llanelli on October 9, 1951.

The honeymoon was spent in Cannes on the French Riviera.

Leslie was employed as a bank official for Lloyds and was promoted through branches in Llanelli, Llandeilo, Carmarthen, Whitland, Porthcawl and Burry Port.

Mair, who taught needlework at Llanelli Art College, devoted her efforts to Leslie and raising their family, Wayne, Byron and Leslie.

In retirement, Leslie keeps his hand in as Company Secretary of W & B Davies Optometrists, John Street, Porthcawl, whilst both he and Mair are kept on their toes



Mair and Leslie with son Byron and daughter Alison.

with nine grandchildren. Mair and Leslie celebrated 60 years of a wonderful marriage with a weekend away with their family at, where else, but Tenby! Congratulations to a pair of true diamonds!

Pencoed youth quiz the PCSO!

PCSO Adam Whomes recently paid a visit to Pencoed Youth Engagement Centre - to answer some questions from a group of young people on the dangers of drink driving.

Asked why they were so interested, the group informed him that they had been making a film about the topic, which they were submitting for a competition.

Recognising the time and effort that these young people had put into the project, Adam put together a full presentation for an interactive seminar.

He provided facts and

figures on crime; marketing tools used by the police; and a full Q&A session to satisfy their thirst for knowledge on the topic.

He thanked the group for their patience, courtesy and maturity in tackling a sensitive and serious subject.

Lib Dem surgeries

WELSH Liberal Democrat AM for South Wales West, Peter Black, will be holding advice surgeries on Friday, November 11 in Maesteg Library from 2pm-3pm and at Townhill Library from 5pm-6pm.

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Young actors feature in BBC Wales TV series

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

LOCAL young actors will be featured in a series of seven short films on BBC Wales, showcasing young talent.

The films are being broadcast under the banner, 'Made in Wales', and they are the latest batch to represent another season's output for the 'It's My Shout' project.

'It's My Shout' was started by the Bridgend Youth Theatre director, Roger Burnell and, after several years on ITV, it is now run by the BBC.

In fact, Rhodri Talfan-Davies, the new director of BBC Cymru Wales, who made the closing address, told the audience that 'It's My Shout' was now an integral part of the BBC's talent spotting and training programme.

First Minister Carwyn Jones appeared on video to say how proud he was

that the project had started in Bridgend county borough.

Now, areas from all around Wales have joined the project, so not all the films feature young Bridgend actors.

Of the six films, *Tent Boy* featured young Carmarthen actors, with a guest appearance by James Bolam.

However, scenes were shot in Porthcawl, at the Rest Connalescent home, and the closing shot featured the two main characters riding off along the new cycleway!

The film *Monster*, was shot using a cast from Blaenau Gwent, but much of it was filmed in Trecco Bay.

Sweet Sixteen, a visually striking and charming piece, was filmed in Cardiff with local actors, and *ABC Dad* was filmed entirely in north Wales by actors from



ABOVE: Jack Williams from Porthcawl, who played the lead in the film *Love Struck*.

College Menai, Bangor.

A young Porthcawl actor, Jack Williams, a member of the Junior Bridgend Youth Theatre, was selected to play the lead in *Love Struck* – a film (in verse) about a boy with a crush on a girl in school.

However, the totally Bridgend film in the series is *King of the Castle*, shot in Coity castle and using the underground 'nuclear' bunkers in Brackla.

Starring Harry Grabham and Thomas Herbert, two more junior youth theatre members, it is about two brothers trying to come to terms with the death of their father in an accident.

Thomas, who lives in Porthcawl and goes to Ysgol yr Ferch o'r Sger, plays the younger one, a boy who has retreated into a fantasy life as a way of coping.

In fact, at the premiere, which took place last Sunday in the Grand Pavilion, Thomas was awarded the 'Best junior Actor' prize.

He met *Torchwood* star Eve Myles, who told him that *King of the Castle* had been her favourite film!

The first film (*Tent*

Boy) was shown on Tuesday, November 8 at 11.20pm on BBC 2 Wales under the *Made in Wales* series banner.

The six films will be broadcast one per week, concluding with a 'making of' documentary, which will be broadcast on the seventh week.

The broadcast schedule of the films is as follows (all will be shown in 10-minute slots starting at 11.20pm):

Tuesday, November 8 – *Tent Boy*; Tuesday November 15 – *ABC Dad*; Tuesday, November 22 – *Love Struck*; Tuesday, November 29 – *Sweet Sixteen*; Tuesday, December 6 – *Monster*; Tuesday, December 13 – *King of the Castle*; Tuesday, December 20 – *The Making Of* – a documentary.

* Please note that this running order is subject to change by BBC scheduling.

All of the programmes will be available to watch on BBC iplayer up to seven days after broadcast.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

A TABLE top sale will take place at the Church Hall, St Brides Major, on Saturday, November 12 at 1 p m – 4 p m.

Admission free, tea/coffee available. Proceeds in aid of Bridgend Stroke Club. More information from Rosemary on 01656 880235.

LOCAL produce market – Saturday, November 19 at the church hall, St Brides Major at 10am–12 noon. Lots of interesting stalls, tea/coffee available.

GOOD LUCK to Ken and Ann Rise of Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, who are leaving the village for pastures new in Bridgend!

Ann will be the last of the Hayden family to leave the parish for over

170 years. Her great-grandfather Edward Hayden came from Ireland to become the headmaster of St Brides Major School in 1843.

REMEMBRANCE Day this year falls on the 11th day of the 11th month of 2011 – a unique date

This year also happens to be the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion.

CONGRATULATIONS to Venerable Philip Morris and his wife Sheila on the birth of their first grandchild Mathew, born on November 3.

THE best village garden competition in the Vale has seen John Rowe of Heol-y-Ysgol, put St Brides Major on the map again, by coming second in the competition, with a splendid show of flowers. Well done, John!

Kenfig Hill Air Cadets become ghouls, ghosts and witches for a night



The cadets get into the Halloween mood at Parc Slip Nature Reserve.

STAFF and cadets from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Sqn ATC attended a Halloween event at Parc Slip Nature Reserve where everyone made a great effort to dress up for the occasion.

Cadets formed up outside the Wildlife Centre and Flt Lt Lewis in charge of the cadets, for the night commented how rare it was to see vampires and similar stand to attention!

Tim Jones, full time warden and Nicola Cornock, membership officer, both commented on the conduct of the cadets and how without them the event could not have taken place.

The cadets were tasked with ambushing the party of visitors as they took part in the scary walk.

If you are male or female and at least 13 years old why not join 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron ATC? We are also looking for adult staff members and Civilian Committee members. We parade on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7pm to 9.30pm. For more information, contact the Squadron on parade nights, telephone 01656 670125.

Lindsay Thomas, Secretary, Civilian Committee

AM welcomes £100,000 cash boost for Ogmore

FURTHER investment in the Ogmore constituency as part of the Western Valleys initiative, has been welcomed by Labour AM Janice Gregory.

More than £100,000 has been announced by the Welsh Government to improve the physical and social environment of the area, as well as boost tourism and business opportunities.

Caerau has been awarded £65,000 to support the local economy through developing the community market garden. The project will allow local people to take advantage of access to the training, employment and health related benefits of sourcing food locally.

A further £40,000 will help fund a Bridgend-based mobile advice unit, informing young people of the risks of an unhealthy lifestyle. The unit will operate across the Llynfi, Ogmore and Garw valleys, directly helping young people to make the right choices on these issues.

The Llynfi River in Maesteg will benefit from a further £6,240. The river walkway will receive environmental enhancements, as well as improved access and signage, making it more convenient for local people.

Janice Gregory AM said: "This significant investment in our area

will be of great benefit to local people. I am an advocate of the community garden and sourcing food locally as such activities have social, environmental and economic benefits for the community.

"The investment is a clear sign that the Labour Welsh Government is committed to investing in worthwhile projects which enhance people's livelihoods."

All Saints' candle service

THE annual 'Candle Service' will be held at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, on December 3 at 4pm.

Please come along to support your local committee for Cancer Research UK and join in this beautiful service, when you can light a candle for a loved one and listen to the Mynydd Cynffig Junior School choir and the Sounds Familiar choir.

Both choirs are great supporters in The Fight Against Cancer. This is a lovely family service and the donations will all go to Cancer Research UK.

Please come long and support this great charity. DP

Inhaler recycling service launched



Nigel Beddoe, manager at the Co-operative pharmacy in Brackla, encourages customers to Complete the Cycle.

PEOPLE with respiratory illnesses in Bridgend and Maesteg can now recycle their inhalers for the first time – as part of Complete the Cycle, a respiratory inhaler recycling scheme, which is being rolled out by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK).

Six Co-operative pharmacies in Bridgend and Maesteg will offer the service in partnership with GSK and TerraCycle UK.

The scheme was piloted over six months in 40

Co-operative pharmacy stores across south Wales and the south east of England earlier this year.

A total of 200 Co-operative pharmacies will now offer the service. It is hoped that within just one year, more than 69,000 inhalers across England and Wales could be saved from landfill.

Nigel Beddoe, manager at The Co-operative Pharmacy in Brackla, commented:

"I'm delighted to be able to offer this simple yet effective service to my customers, and believe that together we can make an important difference to our environment."

PORTHCAWL'S 'GHOST WRITER' HAS ANOTHER TALE TO TELL

by PHILIP IRWIN

IN recent years, Porthcawl author Hayley Williams has carved out an impressive niche with a series of books on buildings in the county borough that have a haunting history.

As a founder member of the Porthcawl paranormal group (with Tracey Walmsley), she has branched out into giving talks to accompany to accompany 'ghost walks' that the group put on in Porthcawl.

The most recent of these took place on the Sunday before Halloween, where walkers gathered at the Swan Inn in Nottage to visit old buildings with a ghostly story to tell.

Now, with two books behind her on local haunted houses, Hayley is branching out and starting work on an autobiography – and she certainly has a story to tell!

That story started at the age of eight, when she started having headaches, and her concerned mother took her to see her doctor.

A visit to a specialist followed and Hayley's mother was given a shattering diagnosis. Her daughter had a brain tumour.

It was already large,



ABOVE: The most recent Porthcawl ghost walk, which was held on Halloween Sunday, and started at The Swan public house in Nottage.

(PHOTOGRAPH by KEITH E MORGAN).

was pressing on her optic nerve, and she needed an immediate operation.

Hayley said: "My mother later said that her hair turned white overnight with the shock!"

The operation was successful, but some damage had already been done. The pressure on the optic nerve meant that Hayley suffered double vision – and still does so to this day.

It also left her with a weakness on her left side – and this explains why she never joins in with a

ghost walk, as walking a distance is not possible.

The operation left her with one more legacy, and this was the one that had the biggest impact on her life.

Hayley's memory was wiped in its entirety. Family memories were gone, and so was all the knowledge accumulated at school.

She said: "I had to start all over again with a blank sheet. The first problem was with schooling, and two nuns from St Clare's School came forward to help."

They were a Godsend in every sense of the word.

Hayley continued: "Sister Angela and Sister Birchanans offered to give me one-to-one tuition, and at first I start-

ed back doing half a day.

"I was too weak to stand for any length of time, but they worked with me to help me start catching up."

It was a tough time for an eight-year-old. Children can be cruel and Hayley also had to deal with that, as well.

She said: "I was so lucky that some friends rallied round to help me and include me in things. I couldn't run around and do the sort of things children do."

"For instance, I had to learn to ride a bike all over again, and had to start on a three-wheeler."

The difficult task of catching up on her schooling continued, but the double vision made that difficult, and Hayley's teachers felt she

was not strong enough to tackle the full curriculum, so she studied roughly half the subjects that her classmates did.

She was also sent to elocution lessons to help her catch up verbally.

The truth is, of course, that she was not able to catch up completely, but she showed remarkable determination, with help from mum!

Hayley said: "My mother and I studied for our English O-Level together, at evening classes in Bridgend College."

Those elocution lessons helped in one slightly unexpected area, because Hayley found work as a telephonist.

She met her husband, Andrew, and they have a 22-year-old son, Scott.

Hayley said that working on her two books on *The History and Hauntings of Porthcawl and District* had been stimulating and had given her the confidence to do more.

She has also extended her public speaking engagements. As well as the ghost talks that she does with the paranormal group, she has started

speaking at Women's Institutes and other organisations.

However, there is more to this than meets the eye. Anyone who has ever done any public speaking knows how important it is to be able to glance down at your notes, but her double vision makes this impossible.

Hayley has to learn the entire talk, sometimes as long as 40 minutes, by heart – something that would put off most people.

However, since the age of eight she has never been put off doing something that was difficult.

Becoming an author and public speaker has given her the confidence to try and tell her story in her own words.

She said: "Friends have urged me to have a go and write about what it was like to lose all your memories and skills and start all over again."

It is not going to be easy, but then nothing has come easily to Hayley since that eight-year-old girl stated having headaches.

It should be a fascinating read...



ABOVE: Hayley Williams, with her two ghost books.

Community Partnership get-together

FIRST Minister Carwyn Jones AM and Gulf Fuel PLC CEO Shazad Chohan are among high profile guest speakers in Blaengarw from November 14-19, during Wales' first Community Partnership Week.

This will detail pioneering work that local charity Creation Development Trust is doing in the regeneration field, and demonstrate how private businesses, the public sector, unions and local people can mutually benefit from building stronger links in a tough economic climate.

A spokesman said: "Shazad Chohan has an extensive property portfolio and as CEO of Gulf Fuels PLC will be offering his expertise in mentoring and looking at ways in which large corporate companies can potentially invest in Welsh businesses and communities."

"The event will also see the First Minister launch Creation's Time Discount Credit, which will offer both national and local businesses a method of engagement and encourage them to become community business champions."

Other attendees include telecommunications guru Terry Flanagan, who co-founded Mason Communications, Paralympic gold medalist John Harris, Learn With Grandma's Valerie Wood-Gaiger MBE, Community Union's Rob Edwards and Chilled World Recordings' Peter Todd, a record producer who will be running a music workshop for young people on November 19.

Attendance is free, but registration is compulsory as numbers are limited. Please contact Charlotte Galsworthy for booking information on 01656 871911 or charlottegalsworthy@gmail.com.

Group's award to local artist



Lydia Nicholson presents the award to Ron Evans.

PORTHCAWL & District Art Society has presented a life membership award to Mr Ron Evans for his dedication to the society over many years.

"Ron is well known for his oil paintings and has won many awards. It is hoped that he will continue with his work and paint for many years to come," a spokeswoman said.

Memories of the Beeb

ON November 3, Pencoed WI were hosts to 75 members of the Penta Pen-y-Bont Link when our autumn event was held at Pencoed Social Club – an excellent venue.

The speaker, Melanie Doel, kept us all entertained with her talk about working for BBC Wales and her new venture into baking.

The lovely buffet supplied by Karen was soon drastically reduced in size and we then enjoyed

an hour of variety from Pick & Mix who are all members of Pontypridd WI.

Ballads, comic songs, poems and jokes, laughter and a sing-a-long, they provided it all. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Many thanks to the social club and their staff, Karen, Melanie and Pick & Mix.

Also thanks to our own members who helped run the evening.

Our next event is a Christmas celebration on December 7.

Quiz League round-up

ON Monday, October 31, the first division matches went very much to form.

Llangewydd Arms beat a good Mackworth Arms team by 55points to 43. Six Bells were no match for Tyrisha Nomads who won 52-29. Oldcastle A had a successful trip to Cabo Roche, winning by 45 points to 36 and Tyrisha Royals had a 43-37 home win against Laleston Inn A.

In Division 2, Tondur Railway Club continued on their merry way at the Greenmeadow with a 52-43 victory and Laleston Inn B kept Pyle RFC on the bottom by beating them 43-27.

The remaining two matches were low-scor-

ing affairs, Oldcastle B beating the Pheasant Gamekeepers 35-30 and Pheasant Poachers edging out Coychurch Wanderers by 32 points to 31.

Here are your four-for-thought:

1. What is an encephalogram?
2. Which solo singer's first number one record was 'When I need you'?
3. Which sport is associated with Bisley?
4. Norma Jean Mortensen was which actress's real name?

A Rudge (for Quiz League)

1. An X-ray photo of the brain
2. Leo Sayer
3. Rifle shooting
4. Marilyn Monroe.

Commons praise for work of volunteers

Left to right: Phil, Abbie, Tracy, Madeleine Moon MP and Terry.

MADELEINE MOON MP congratulated the work of local volunteers in the House of Commons during questions to Ministers in the Cabinet Office.

Mrs Moon was speaking about the value of 'Make a Difference Day' organised by Community Service Volunteers on October 29 and the volunteers she met when she spent an hour volunteering in the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity shop

in Brackla with Manager Phil Pick and volunteers Terry Gunning, Tracy Jones and Abbie Owen.

The MP reported: "It was a real pleasure to spend time with the volunteers at the Marie Curie Cancer Care. I was impressed by the work of the volunteers in the shops and told the Minister that volunteers like Abbie Owen are a real inspiration."

"Abbie, who is unemployed, gives her time to help others, but has also gained valuable experience from volunteering."

She is hard-working and would be an asset to an employer.

"During the difficult economic times we are facing, volunteering can be a way of getting experience. The anxiety of unemployment can be alleviated to some extent through the social contact volunteering offers and the valuable experience that can be gained."

"CSV offers free work and training programmes to help people maximise their potential. As a trustee of CSV, I have seen at firsthand what a difference this can make to people's lives."

"CSV also provides volunteering opportunities for young people who have just left school or university. If you are looking for something to do during a gap year or know someone who is, more information is available through <http://dmtrk.net/t/B8-KACY-16CEKK9B/cr.aspx>."

More information about Make a Difference Day and the work of CSV is available through FREEPHONE 0800 284 533 or email difference@csv.org.uk or go online at www.csv.org.uk/difference



Bridgend workshop addresses epilepsy and depression

EPILEPSY Action is hosting a workshop on epilepsy and depression on November 17 at the Quaker Meeting House/Bridgend Carers' Centre, 87 Park Street, Bridgend, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

It will be addressed by Professor Mike Kerr, Professor of learning disability psychiatry at the department of psychological medicine, Cardiff University School of Medicine.

Depression is common in people with epilepsy. The seminar aims to help understand what depression is and how, for some people, it is linked to epilepsy. Consultant neurologists have been talking about the impor-

ance of recognising depression in patients.

Ann Sivapatham, Epilepsy Action's Wales manager, said: "The sessions are aimed at people with epilepsy and their families. In 2002, a study showed that depression is more likely in people with epilepsy than asthma, or those with no chronic condition."

"We wanted to help people understand why this is so. There will also be an opportunity to take information away on a range of subjects and epilepsy, and talk to people who have had similar experiences."

Contact Jackie Kemp on 0113 210 8787, or email jkemp@epilepsy.org.uk for further information.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PORTHCAWL
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Town's Christmas writing competition



ABOVE: Blessing of the crib.

PORTHCAWL Chamber of Trade will be placing Christmas cribs at Nottage Green, the Seabank Hotel, Trinity Piazza, Griffin Park and Newton Green again this year.

Churches Together in Porthcawl are inviting people of all ages who live, go to school or work in Porthcawl, to submit a piece of creative writing, either poetry or prose, but with a maximum of 75 words, on the theme: 'The Gifts of the Wise Men'.

The work may be in either Welsh or English. Entries should be typed, or clearly written, and bear the name, contact details and age group of the

author on the back.

Entries to: The YMCA, John Street, Porthcawl, by Friday, November 25.

The submitted items will be judged in three age groups: Eleven and under; Twelve to sixteen; and Sixteen and over.

The three best entries in each group will receive a certificate. There will also be a prize for the entry placed first.

The winning poems will be read at the Blessings of the Cribbs, which will take place in the first week of Advent, beginning on Sunday, November 27.

Entries will also be displayed in the YMCA on the weeks leading up to Christmas.

BCBC customer service centre has third birthday celebration

BRIDGEND County Borough Council's customer service centre has celebrated its third birthday with a big pat on the back from its visitors.

Officially opened by Paralympian Simon Richardson three years ago, the centre has gone from strength to strength, by creating a team of advisors who can deal with more queries at the first point of call.

The centre now sees two-thirds of customers within 10 minutes of arrival and customer satisfaction remains consistently high, scoring an average 4.4 out of a possible 5 during the last year.

A BCBC Citizens' Panel survey also showed that 80.3 per cent of customers visiting the council's offices, and 79.5 per cent of customers who contacted BCBC by telephone



BCBC'S customer service centre, which was officially opened by Paralympian Simon Richardson, is celebrating its third birthday.

were either satisfied or very satisfied with the service they received.

As part of its commitment to customer service, the council has now launched a new Telephone Contact Centre which makes getting in touch via a single number easier than ever before.

The TCC was launched in April this year with the transfer of public protection and

waste council services to a single number, followed by housing benefits in August. It aims to deal with more council queries via a single phone call, where feasible and appropriate.

As a result of customer feedback and demand trends, it's been agreed that both centres should now close at 5.30pm instead of the current 6pm so that more staff can be available at

busier times.

Coun Huw David, the cabinet member responsible for customer service, said: "I think we can feel really encouraged by these results. Ultimately we have made it easier for customers to do business with the council, whether by phone, by email, or by calling in."

"I'm particularly pleased that we have transferred more services

to the 643643 number. A few years ago we had far too many numbers and people would go round the houses to get a response. Now it is much more likely that it you ring the council's main number you will be dealt with there and then."

Coun David added: "We still need to answer calls and deal with visitors quicker, which is why we have set out some positive plans for the year ahead."

"For example, we have analysed the calls and visits we get between half past five and six each evening and found the demand just isn't there at that time of the day."

"By adjusting our opening times we can free up more staff for busier periods which shows we are listening to our customers and acting in a sensible and positive way."

Who wants to build what and where in the borough?

Pontycymmer Nursery School – Pontycymmer Nursery School, Victoria Street, Pontycymmer – erect portable flagpole – Keep Wales tidy – sited in school yard.
McDonald's Restaurants Ltd – McDonald's Restaurants Ltd, Picton Court Retail Park, Waterton, Bridgend – three new and relocate two rotating double three-sided menu units and relocate height restrictor monolith/gateway sign.
Mrs Janet Davies – 1 Newton Nottage Road, Porthcawl – fell one cypress and two-metre reduction of one sycamore.
Ms Kelly Huxtable – 8 Prospect Place, Ogmere Vale – single storey extension to rear to provide 'disabled facilities' shower room.
The Sanghapadipa Temple – Ar Graig, Laleston, Bridgend – permanent residence for two Tai Buddhist

monks and live-in cook and weekly meeting place for the Thai community (max 20).
Mr Colin Boardman – 2 Clarke's Row, Nottage, Porthcawl – proposed single storey kitchen extension and replacement of existing lean-to garage roof with apex design.
Mr Darren Lewis – land adjacent 2 Bridgend Road, Aberkenfig – change use of land to garden use and erect 6ft wall in block.
Tiffany Properties Ltd – 65 Mary Street, Porthcawl – conversion of existing office premises (formerly a residence) to create three self-contained dwellings.
Heronbridge School – Heronbridge School, Ewenny Road, Bridgend – erection of an eco lodge to the rear of school orchard.
Mr Will Campion – Glandderw House, 20 Bridgend road, Aberkenfig – convert exist-

ing garage to office, construct first floor extension to rear of garage and new double (detached) garage.
Mr P Walsh – 37 West Street, Maesteg – regularise changes to consent P/10/317/FUL – change of height of garage and first floor element.
McDonald's Restaurants Ltd – McDonald's Restaurants Ltd, Picton Court Retail Park, Waterton, Bridgend – new drive thru lane and traffic island.
Dr Graham Givens – 2-4 Dock Street, Porthcawl – conversion of existing bar and restaurant to dental practice.
Garw Valley Community Council – Darren Fawr Woodland, Blaengarw, Bridgend – mountain bike tracks to form series of wayward routes.
Mrs Sian Delehay – 44 Blaengarw Road, Blaengarw, Bridgend – re-site bedroom and kitchen

extension and replacement external staircase for registered disabled person.
Mrs Lisa Keegans – Westbarn, Glnrhayd Farm, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend – two storey extension
Gary Mayo Property Development – The Rest Connaught Home, Rest Bay, Porthcawl – new convalescent home, c/u of existing home to res, demolish structures and new res accomm to rear.
Mr Ian Gorringer – 45 Waunbant Road, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend – Single storey structure low level pitch roof in rear garden for fitness and leisure facilities.
Unilever UK Limited – Zone 2, Waterton Point, Brocstle Avenue, Bridgend – Storage of a maximum 199 tonnes of liquid petroleum gas used as a propellant for styling products.
Mr Jonathon David – Land

at Cartref-Ni, Waterton Lane, Waterton, Bridgend – Construct a detached dwelling on site of former private garden.
Bridgend CBC – Porthcawl cemetery, Pyle Road, Porthcawl – Change of use from farm land to burial ground and provide access road and parking.
M T Rees – Upper Park Farm, Laleston, Bridgend – Installation of solar panels on an agricultural building.
Neath Port Talbot CBC – Land west Kenfig Industrial Estate, Margam, Port Talbot – Obs request for screening opinion of two sections of boardwalk, steps and 10m section of bridge.
Western Power Distribution – Pyle 132KV Substation, Pont George Road, Pyle – Construction of 33KV control room building with 1 x 132/133KV transformer and assoc. outdoor electrical apparatus.

Mr Edward Blayney – 14 Carlton Place, Porthcawl – Ground floor wet room and sun room with first floor side dormer.
Mr Andrew Morgan – 9 South Place, Porthcawl, Bridgend – Single storey extension to dwelling.
Amberwell Engineering Services Ltd – Unit 3, Plot 120, Village Farm Ind Est, Pyle, Bridgend – Warehouse/office extension.
Mr John E Jeremy – 2 Cildaudy Cottages, Cildaudy Road, Coytrahen, Bridgend – Single storey extension and loft conversion.
Mr and Mrs Ian McDonald – 5 Adrian Close, Porthcawl – Demolish existing conservatory and erect single storey extension and balcony to rear.
Persimmon Homes Ltd – East Wales – Plot 242, 11 Clos y Golomenn, Caeu Gleision, Broadlands, Bridgend – Construct 1 no.

dwelling (retrospective application).
Greenhill Construction – Former Maesgwyn Hospital, Highland Avenue, Brynecethin, Bridgend – Residential development of 45 no. dwellings consisting of 2 and 3 bedroom houses and external works.
Mr H D Francis – 12 Westminster Way, Bridgend – Single storey rear extension.
Mr Kevin Burke – Tangnefedd, Heol Fach/Porthcawl Road, North Cornelly, Bridgend – Extension to first floor and raising of roof, two storey extension to rear and single storey extension to side.
Mr and Mrs Knipe – 26 Nicholls Avenue, Porthcawl – Erect conservatory to side of house.

Bridgend county will carry a torch for the Olympics!



Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun Mel Nott with schoolchildren from Bryncethin Primary School celebrating the torch relay announcement.

THE Olympic torch will be carried through Bridgend county on its way around Britain next year.

Nantymoel, Ogmores, Bryncethin, Bridgend, Laleston and Pyle are six of over 1,000 villages, towns and cities announced by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) through

Residents from across the borough will be

urged to share in the celebrations and welcome the Olympic Flame and the achievements of the Torchbearers as they pass through the area.

Nantymoel, Ogmores, Bryncethin, Bridgend, Laleston and Pyle are six of over 1,000 villages, towns and cities announced by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) through

which the Olympic Flame will be carried by Torchbearers during the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay which is presented by Coca-Cola, Lloyds TSB and Samsung. LOCOG has worked closely with representatives from a number of sectors in South Wales to devise the route.

Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun Mel Nott, said: "This is a very exciting time for residents and local communities in Bridgend County Borough. Seeing the Olympic Flame as it passes through is an opportunity for us all to celebrate and share in the spirit of the Olympics while marking the countdown to the start of the games in July 2012."

"I'd encourage everyone to support the members of our community who have been chosen to run through the borough with the Olympic Flame by joining in the celebrations on May 26."

"I'm especially hoping that our young people will support the Torch Relay as it passes through our communities. For many of them this will be the first Olympic Games they remember which is why I was excited to come to Bryncethin Primary to share our good news and encourage the pupils to cheer on the Flame next May."

He added: "Bridgend County Borough Council is also hosting the Olympic Following

the Flame exhibition which is a celebration of Wales' contribution to the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Bridgend has a strong history of producing some of sport's biggest names from Lyn The Leap to JPR and the exhibition will be open to the public from October 31 to January 11, 2012.

"We are also looking forward to Paul Deighton, Chief Executive of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games visiting Bridgend later this month where we will be able to show him how Bridgend is embracing London 2012."

Sebastian Coe, Chair of LOCOG, said: "We are thrilled to confirm that Nantymoel, Ogmores, Bryncethin, Bridgend, Laleston and Pyle will act as host locations for the Olympic Flame, extending an invitation to people in Bridgend County Borough to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay during its journey around the UK."

"This is the UK's moment to shine and I want to encourage people across Bridgend county borough - to start planning how they can be part of this once in a lifetime opportunity and show their support for the inspirational Torchbearers chosen to carry the Olympic Flame - as we count down to the start of the Olympic Games."

FESTIVE ADVICE

PCSO Steve Bowen of Brackla neighbourhood policing team, is holding a crime prevention table top advice surgery in the Co-op, The Triangle, Brackla, between 3pm and 5pm on Friday, November 11.

Advice will be given on all aspects of crime prevention in the run-up to Christmas.

RIGHT: Lorraine Stone, proprietor of 'Truly Scrumptious', the bespoke Ladies Fashion House in New Road, Porthcawl, presenting a cheque for £1,000 to GLAZE, the Prostate Cancer Charity. Lorraine took part in the Cardiff Half Marathon and received the sum through sponsorship.



Runner raised £1,020 for GLAZE prostate charity

RAY MURRAY (above) accepted the cheque and Commerce.

on behalf of GLAZE, watched by the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Barbara Stubbs, Bill Stubbs, consort to the Mayor of Porthcawl, and Paul Fielding, president of the Porthcawl and District Chamber of Trade

After the presentation, Lorraine received yet another donation to raise her sponsorship to £1,020.

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MP's cheque to help young footballers!



Alex Clarke and Madeleine Moon.

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon dropped in to Cornelli Primary School last week to meet Alex Clarke, who is a senior learning support officer at the school and also chairman of the Bridgend Schools Football Association (BSFA).

Alex was "very surprised" to receive a cheque from the MP for BSFA, as a donation to help with their events.

Mrs Moon said: "I

have completed another parliamentary questionnaire and am pleased to pass on the cheque to the Bridgend Schools Football Association.

"I have had the pleasure of presenting prizes at their awards evening in June and have seen the enjoyment and commitment from all the schools taking part in the matches."

"I hope this cheque will help towards their future events."

Lighten up with your own weight-management plan

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POPPY CONCERT

THE recent Poppy Day appeal concert in the Garw Valley Centre was attended by celebrity guests, including Ogmores AM Janice Gregory and husband Mike, Officer Commanding RAF St Athan, Wing Commander Paul Reagan and wife Dawn, Bridgend councillor Reg Jenkins with wife Teresa, Peter Wilson, county chairman of the Royal British Legion, and Sid Nash, the county Poppy Appeal coordinator and president

and chairman of the Garw Valley Branch of the Royal British Legion.

The band opened the evening with Cole Porter's 'Miss Otis Regrets', followed by a foot-stomping version of 'When the Saints Go Marching In'. Soloists were the talented Claire Bourne and Laura Hindley.

Côr Meibion Cwm Garw (Garw Valley Male Voice Choir) then sang 'Rachie' and 'You Raise Me Up', followed by an astounding demonstration of Herman Koenig's 'Post Horn Gallop' by Andy Parkes.

The band proceeded to calm the resulting frenzy with a silky-smooth rendition of 'Fly Me to the Moon'.

The highlight of the evening followed with the Betws Primary School choir under headteacher, Collette Matchett, aided by teaching staff, Liz Pearce, Janet John and Jayne Broughton.

The children's voices brought tears to the eyes with the touchingly appropriate Remembrance Song and the words 'We will remember the soldiers at war...' followed with 'Today is the Day We've Been Given'.

The children deservedly received the loudest applause of the evening.

The band returned with 'Cry Me a River' (solo by Claire Bourne) and 'Marches on Parade' that included

the 'The Dambusters' theme but, disappointingly, not the RAF March Past by composer, Sir Walford Davies, originally of Croesoswallt.

The male choir and band concluded the first half with Ieuan Gwyllt's 'Gwahoddiad', arranged by John Tudor Davies.

The central theme of the evening, 'The Remembrance of the Fallen', opened the second half by the male choir with Johanna Kinkel's 'A Soldier's Farewell' and 'The Mansions of the Lord' from the film 'We Were Soldiers', which was sung at President Ronald Reagan's funeral.

The choir were then joined by the band for Laurence Binyon's 'For the Fallen', set to music by Mike Sammes.

The Exhortation was presented by Mr Windsor Williams of the Royal British Legion. This was followed by the Last Post and two minutes silence, to the gentle rustling of falling poppy leaves.

Reveille was sounded and the dedication offered by Mr Windsor Williams of the Royal British Legion.

The Remembrance Service was then concluded by the communal singing of 'Abide With Me' to the air of 'Eventide' led by the band.

A delightful rendering of 'Let There Be Peace on Earth' by Côr Ysgol Gynradd Betws followed, the choir once again receiving rapturous applause.

The band's final music was 'Highland Cathedral' as specially requested by the concert organiser 'Dixie' Dean and 'I'll Walk with God' from the 1954 film *The Student Prince*.

The finale began with Côr Meibion Cwm Garw singing 'You'll Never Walk Alone' from the 1956 film *Carousel* before being joined by the band for Adolphe Adam's stirring 'Comrades in Arms' and the communal singing of the National Anthem, 'Mae Hen Wlad FY Nhadau'.

Congratulations to Mr Dixie Dean, branch secretary of Garw Valley Branch of the Royal British Legion and secretary of Côr Meibion Cwm Garw for his personal organising

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Day concert at Maesteg Town Hall on Saturday, November 12 at 7pm to celebrate the formation of the Royal British Legion 90 years ago.

The compère for the evening is the respected Steve Maddern, and the young harpist Sian Rushforth will welcome the audience.

There will be two choirs, the Maesteg 'Gleemen' male voice with its musical director Alun Hodges and accompanist Suzanne Best, and Noteworthy mixed voice choir with its musical director Ryan Wood and accompanist Rhian Jenkins.

Music will be provided by the Briton Ferry silver band. Tickets cost £4, obtainable from Royal British Legion members.

The following day, on November 13 at 11am there will be a Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph with the Maesteg 'Gleemen' male voice choir leading the hymn singing. Everyone welcome.

Winter display

TONDU and District Art Society is holding its annual winter exhibition in the **Len Evans Centre, Aberkenfig** in **Heol Persondy** between **November 12-15, (10am-6pm Saturday to Tuesday; 11am-4pm on Sunday). Admission is free and light refreshments are available.**

The exhibition will consist of 180 paintings and drawings.

Book sequel 'BOTTOM JOHN' is the title of a book written by Eric Jones, which has been so popular that at present he is writing a sequel.

Eric is interested in hearing from readers of 'Bottom John' on cefn-nant@lineone.net

Police

warn school parents PARENTS who drive their children to Tondy Primary School and park in West Street and Meadow Street, Aberkenfig, are causing problems to local residents by blocking their driveways, parking on the zig zag lines or on pavements, with no access for the public to walk through.

Police are now treating these safety concerns as a priority, and recommend that parents walk the children to school, or park legally in authorised parking areas.

Lollipop plea MRS Susan Pilsher, Tondy Primary School headteacher, is concerned that Simon Ladbroke, the road safety officer for Bridgend CBC, has

been unable to find anyone willing to take on the duties of school crossing patrol at the bottom of Meadow Street.

If any parent or grandparent is willing to take on this role, please contact Simon Ladbroke on (01656) 642529 or email him on simon.lad.broke@bridgend.gov.uk

Dosbarth Ogwr, the class of Miss Handley, invite parents and friends to their class assembly on Friday, November 11 at 10.20am.

The school has application forms for the Ospreys' rugby match against Biarritz on Saturday, November 12 at 3.40pm in the Liberty Stadium. Price £10 per adult and £1 per child. Please collect an application form from the office if you wish to apply for tickets. No money will be accepted without a completed form. Cheques should be made payable to Tondy Primary School.

School campaign MARTIN Griffiths, headteacher of Tynrhoe primary school, Llanelwyr, thanks the PTFE for organising the recent Bag2school campaign and also everyone who brought in bags.

The school had more than 100 bags donated, weighing a massive 659kg, which raised £329.50 for the school.

The school will be holding its Christmas fayre on Friday, November 18; if anyone would like to donate prizes towards the raffle or help as a volunteer on the day, contact Elaine on 01656 815820.

Welfare Hall, Aberkenfig

I HAVE received a number of complaints from members of various organisations at the poor facilities provided at the hall for disabled members of the public, including access to the hall and toilet facilities.

PACT

A PACT meeting has been arranged by the Communities First Team at St Tyfodwg's Church, Llanyfodwg on November 14 at 6.30pm-8pm.

Christmas fete

MEMBERS of Smyrna Chapel, Pen-y-Fai will be holding a Christmas fete in the hall on Saturday, November 12 at 2pm; there will be a large variety of goodies suitable for Christmas on sale.

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Visitors will have to take three buses to reach psychiatric unit – A REGIONAL AM CLAIMS

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has written to health chiefs asking for further information about their plans to close the acute psychiatric unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital and transfer the patients to Baglan.

Mrs Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative member for South Wales West, has raised concerns with the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg university board about how relatives of patients will be able to travel to Neath Port Talbot Hospital on public transport.

"I fully support changes which improve services for patients with mental health problems, but the issue of transport to the hospital is crucial," she said.

"Psychiatric patients who are obviously in a fragile emotional and mental state need to be close to family and friends, whose support can play a key role in their recovery.

"People will have to catch up to three buses to get to the hospital, which is on Baglan Moors.

"Many will need to travel from places like Ogmore and Garw into Bridgend first, then catch a bus to Port Talbot town centre and then take a local bus to the hospital. That will have to be done in

reverse in order to get home.

"I understand that the hospital does not have afternoon visiting, which means that this long journey, which could take up to four hours in total, will have to be carried out at night. In winter, we could have elderly relatives travelling in the dark and cold, sometimes not reaching home until after 10pm."

She insisted: "Getting to the Princess of Wales Hospital by bus is a picnic in comparison. It will be inevitable in my opinion that patients will get fewer visitors, and will see their loved ones less frequently.

"Health chiefs must consider the accessibility of their facilities before taking decisions which may seem logical from a purely administrative viewpoint, but make little sense to the community at large."

Mrs Davies is also asking what will happen to the beds currently in Coity Clinic once it is closed under these proposals.

"If this change does go ahead, there must be some benefit to the people of the borough," she said.

"We have seen desperate bed shortages at PoW, especially during the winter so I would want those beds to become general medical or surgical beds, to relieve the pressure that the hospital is

under for much of the time."

The draft proposals are contained within a document called "Changing mental health for the better" which is under discussion at the moment.

It also includes proposals to close the Cwm Hafan Ward at Maesteg Hospital and transfer the 10 dementia patients accommodated there to the new Angelton Clinic at Glanrhyd Hospital.

Mrs Davies has again queried the travel implications for relatives.

"Dementia patients often have elderly husbands or wives who need to visit frequently," she said.

"If the majority of

the patients in the ward are from Maesteg, as I assume they are, getting to visit them at the hospital is relatively easy by bus.

"But travelling down to Glanrhyd will be more difficult. Only one bus an hour from Maesteg goes past Glanrhyd – the rest go through Sarn – so if a bus is missed, people face either having a long wait or travelling into Bridgend and then getting another bus back out to Glanrhyd.

"I am also concerned that losing this unit will undermine the viability of the hospital, which is a crucial element of the provision of hospital services in Bridgend borough."

NHS salaries: 'stop wasting money' – call

A REGIONAL AM, Byron Davies, has condemned the Welsh Government for protecting the salaries of NHS managers, whose jobs were abolished two years ago, at the same time as they are cutting £1 billion from front line services.

Mr Davies, who is the Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales West, said that he was "appalled" to find that there had been no gain to the taxpayer from the decision to scrap the 22 former local health boards and seven health trusts and replace them with seven new health boards.

"The aim was to avoid the expensive duplication of having 29 chief executives, 29 finance directors and 29 of everything else," he said. "It was all slimmed down to a much more sensible seven."

"But it has just been

revealed that 120 managers whose jobs disappeared have been kept on with their salaries protected.

"Twenty-four of them are earning more than £80,000 a year. I know from staff employed within the new boards, that jobs have been specially created in order for these managers to remain. They are doing non-jobs.

"It is the economics of the lunatic asylum for these jobs to be protected at a cost of £750,000 a year when patients in Wales are being denied cancer drugs and when doctors posts remain unfilled.

"How long will these managers have their salaries protected? It's time that somebody got a grip on this and said enough is enough."

"The Welsh Government says it is reviewing this policy – and I say, Get on with it and stop wasting money that's desperately needed elsewhere in the NHS."

OLD HALL BRIDGE CLUB

COWBRIDGE Old Hall Bridge Club results are as follows:

October 5 – First, Terry Reilly and John Raymond; Second, David Stephenson and Graham Norris.

October 12 BCB autumn pairs competition: First, David Stephenson and John Hunter; Second, Terry Evans and Alan Lewis.

October 19: Barbara Easterbrook and Margaret Bancroft; Second, David Wright and Gordon Berrey.

October 26: First, John Raymond and Terry Reilly; Second, David and Marion Stephenson.

The club is holding an event in aid of Children in Need on Wednesday, November 16.

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Jail for Vale man over child pornography

PORNOGRAPHIC images involving children were found on the computer of a Llansamlet man, when the police searched his home.

Stephen Northcott (55) of Uplands Crescent, a man with no previous convictions, was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court to 26 weeks imprisonment, suspended for a year, and ordered to register as a sex offender for five years.

Judge Nicolas Parry made a sexual offences prevention order for five years, and he was banned from working with children.

Northcott had been convicted by Vale magistrates of making indecent photographs of children,

possessing indecent photographs and possessing extreme pornographic images, and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

Prosecutor John Probert said that acting on intelligence from Gloucestershire police, South Wales Police officers went to Northcott's home on June 15 and discovered the images on his computer.

There were 181 at level one, the lowest, eight at level two, 22 at level three, and 38 at level four. The most serious is level five.

Mr Probert said there were also 10 extremely pornographic images involving a woman having sexual activity.

Northcott's counsel James

Evans, said: "It has to be accepted that the offences crossed the custody threshold."

The judge told Northcott "What you were viewing was happening, and children were being put through that."

"You were contributing towards the abuse by watching it."

The judge said he gave the defendant maximum credit for his guilty pleas and his co-operation.

"I regard your remorse as genuine. This is a tragedy for you and I have regard to the consequences for you."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

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Festive fare

FESTIVE celebrations start at Llangan school on Friday, November 11, 6pm-8pm with Christmas fare for the children and raffle prizes to be won by the mums and dads.

Over-60s

THIS year's fish and chip supper will again take place in the Llangan and St Mary Hill community hall on November 26.

As in previous years, residents over the age of 60 will enjoy a free meal. Anyone outside Llangan, St Mary Hill and Ruthin, over 60 years of age is welcome to join this event at a small cost.

Telephone Rachael on 01656 864145 for details.

Christmas panto

ONCE again, the Llangan community

hall is to stage a Christmas panto on December 10 at 1.30pm, entitled 'Dr Who – Wizard of Oz'.

The second performance will be at 7.30pm. Admission £2 adults; £1 children.

Contact Rachael for tickets and please arrive 30 minutes before each performance is due to begin.

Looking ahead!

NEXT year's St Mary Hill and Llangan Fest will take place on Saturday, June 16.

The venue will be in a field just five minutes from the Fferm Goch venue of previous years.

This decision was taken for the convenience of motorists and because of the increasing popularity of this annual event.

'...He was one of life's nice guys, and the Vale is an emptier place without him'

A TRIBUTE to PAUL JONES by close friend ANDY WICKS

PAUL JONES, who tragically lost his life in September, was a regular contributor to The GEM with his photography and coverage of local events and community functions.

Originally from the Rhondda, Paul's family moved to Llantwit Major in the late seventies. He attended Eagleswell Road and Llantwit Comprehensive schools, before gaining an electronics degree, which resulted in a lengthy and successful career with Panasonic in Newport.

In 2003, Paul started promoting local businesses and tourism, using his expertise and knowledge of the internet.

Over the next eight years, he established a series of web and Facebook sites not just for the Vale, but also Bridgend, Porthcawl and Pontyclun. These provided a wealth of information for both local people and visitors using directories, photographs and videos.

Whether covering a 'fracking test' at a rain-swept Llandow or visiting the House of Commons as vice-president of the Llantwit Major Chamber of Trade, Paul never lost his enthusiasm or sense of humour.

His charity work included a 'zip-glide' off Newport transporter bridge for Disability group Scope. In May, he took part in the Vale Walking Festival and he was extensively involved in the National Eisteddfod preparations.

I had the pleasure of covering many events with Paul during the last three years, including the Cowbridge Fashion Show, the Victorian



ABOVE: At the Vale Walking Festival in May this year.

Fair, the Vale Show, all the Christmas events and many more, too numerous to list here. Recently, we had been preparing photographs of the area for the magazine 'Coast'.

It seems unreal now that Paul will no longer be involved, but his commitment and passion will never be forgotten.

He was one of life's nice guys and the Vale is an emptier place without him.

Our thoughts and best wishes go to all of Paul's family and friends – with special thanks to Julie and Tomos.

RIGHT:
Paul on holiday in Turkey last year.

Professional man of passion and commitment



ABOVE: Paul at the Boverton Road regeneration project opening ceremony in September 2011.

E-book first for GEM columnist

GLAMORGAN GEM columnist, Brian Lee, is believed to be one of the first local historians to have signed a contract for his published picture books on old Cardiff to be transformed into E-books.

Brian (75) who lives in Cardiff, said: "My publisher, Steve Caron, of JMD Media Ltd, Derby, phoned me recently to ask me what I thought about the idea."

"He said that we would be breaking new ground, as apparently E-books out there now are all text, rather than picture books and he wanted to give it a go."

Brian's books which will soon be available in E-book form are *The Illustrated History of Cardiff's Pubs*, *The Changing Face of Cardiff*, David

Morgan: An Illustrated History, Cardiff – *Remember When*, Cardiff *Those Were The Days*, A Cardiff *Century*, *Memory Lane*, Cardiff and Cardiff *Then and Now*.

Brian added: "Many of my books have been reprinted and some on several occasions, but this will be something entirely different to look forward to."

He has published more than 20 books, the most recent being *A Postcard from Cardiff*, published by The History Press and which he compiled with the help of his daughter Amanda Harvey (51). She is currently working on another Cardiff book with her father.

Brian and Amanda will be signing copies of the book at W H Smith, Queen Street, Cardiff, from 11am on December 17.



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MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Chief of Rest Home says building had become a 'money pit'



ABOVE: The Rest Convalescent Home, where a £10 million development is planned.

PLANS for Porthcawl's Rest Convalescent Home could secure the jobs of workers there – and create new ones, says the chairman of the home's management committee.

Rob Gough, who lives in Caerphilly and has been on the management board for 25 years, said that the home faced a stark choice between working with developers, or going out of business and leaving the Grade Two listed building to deteriorate.

The plans, submitted by Gary Mayo Property Developments and costed at £10 million, will see the Rest Home itself converted to executive apartments, with further apartments being built in a two-storey development at the back.

Also behind the existing facade will be a purpose-built convalescent home with 35 bedrooms, and able to take visitors who require a higher degree of care than at present.

Mr Gough explained: "If we can get back to taking visitors who require more care, we will need to employ extra people to cover shifts."

He explained that new

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

legislation on care standards meant that the home faced huge costs if it were to comply.

The annex, which is newer than the original building, did comply, but the care standards agency had refused to let any care take place in the older portion of the building.

He told The GEM: "We had a situation when a man and wife were staying with us, and the wife had a heart attack."

"Staff went to help, and used a mobile to keep in touch with paramedics, who were heading to the scene."

"Later, we were threatened with a £2,000 fine for giving medical care that we were not licensed to do!"

He said that it was only because staff could prove that they were acting on the instructions of a paramedic on the phone that they escaped prosecution.

He said: "Our staff were qualified to respond to this situation, but the legislation meant they were not allowed to!"

Mr Gough said that in recent years, the committee had enjoyed good relations with the neigh-

bouring Royal Porthcawl Golf Club, and that the club was happy with the proposed development.

He also praised the Porthcawl Lions Club, who steward the regular boot sales, and hoped that these could continue.

He said that the Porthcawl U3A group, which uses rooms at the home, had been consulted, and that it was hoped to include meeting rooms in the new building.

The development would mean, however, that the Little Footsteps Nursery, which has a lease that expires in three years, would have to relocate.

Mr Gough said that, after detailed discussions with Bridgend County Borough Council (CBC) planners, it had been decided that the development would not have a bigger 'footprint'.

Therefore, the buildings that would need to be demolished were the annexe, the kitchens, the 'new wing' (which is 60 years old), the bungalow, nursery and greenhouses.

He said that in the past, CBC had rented the bungalow for respite

care, but that it no longer did so.

He said: "Those of us on the committee do care for the Rest. I have been involved for 25 years."

"Alan Angell and myself travel from Caerphilly on Sundays to help run the boot sale, and we want to keep the Rest going, but it is a money pit at the moment."

"We paid £56,000 repairing the heating recently, but we face a bill of another £20,000."

He said that to have attracted a private developer, who was going to spend £10 million in Porthcawl, was quite an achievement, and that it would make a real contribution to the town's economy.

He said that the home had fallen victim to a rigid care standards regime in Wales, and that care standards in England were more "flexible" when it came to old buildings.

He added: "Having been involved here for so long, it has always struck me that the people of Porthcawl have an odd attitude to the Rest."

"Only a few have ever taken an interest in what we do, and the vast majority know very little about it."

Colwinston pre-school Halloween party fun

HALLOWEEN has increased in popularity over the last decade, and one of the pleasures for young children is getting the chance to dress up in some outlandish or exotic costumes.

As you can see, Colwinston pre-school group had an ensemble of scary characters.

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A friendly witch with her friend!



News from the Llantwit WI

THE AGM of Llantwit Major WI on November 3 was well attended and president Eileen Tomkinson introduced Marilyn Tucker, the WIA, and gave a brief report on the events of the year.

Margaret Pearson gave an account of the autumn council meeting held in Port Talbot in October. She found it an enjoyable and informative day.

The secretary, Margaret Mitchell, reported on the varied speakers during the year

and Marilyn then took over the meeting, giving a run down on the financial statement and organising the election of committee and officers for the coming year.

Jean Swift was elected president, Margaret Mitchell will carry on as secretary and Margaret Pearson will act as treasurer. Three new members joined the committee.

The competition for a piece of handcraft was won by Eileen Tomkinson and bloom of the month by Val Watts. The next meeting is a Christmas party on December 1.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

The unsung heroes who work for the Royal British Legion

OVER the last 18 months since I was elected as an MP, I've had the opportunity to work with members of the Royal British Legion across the Vale. In my mind, there is no more worthy charity.

From holding a 'Poppy Party' in Cowbridge, another involving pupils at Barry Comprehensive and veterans, to hosting a visit from Barry branch members to Westminster, I've been able to get a real insight into the unstinting hard work that all members continue to contribute to the Royal British Legion.

Last week, I had the privilege of helping RBL Barry members launch the Poppy Appeal in Wales by helping to sell poppies at Morrisons, and will be joining other members at other supermarkets in the Vale over the next few days.

The experience was heart-warming; so much respect was



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

rightly shown to the veterans and very few chose not to accept a poppy.

Each year, the nation expresses its unequivocal support for their work through its generous support of the Poppy Appeal (raising over £36 million in 2010) which goes towards the vital welfare work the charity provides.

This year's appeal from the RBL, marking the organisation's 90th anniversary is using the slogan of standing

'shoulder to shoulder with all who serve' and will be marked with a two-minute silence at the 11th hour of the 11th of the 11th month, 2011.

The Veterans' charity, which continues to help support millions of beneficiaries – men and women who serve and have served their country at home and abroad, many at enormous personal cost to themselves and their families.

The Royal British Legion is a remarkable organisation, and last year alone spent in the region of £1.75m in Wales across all their services delivered to members. During 2010, the RBL Barry branch raised over £35,000 through its Poppy Appeal, and they hope to raise even more during 2011.

The RBL help serving and ex-service personnel and their families, who fought in the two World Wars, but also those involved in the many conflicts since 1945 and those still fighting today.

Help for Heroes rightly gains a lot of attention, and they provide an invaluable service to those from recent and current conflicts who need support.

The Royal British Legion is a UK charity that has been helping the Armed Forces community past and present for 90 years. Though their needs have changed the need for the RBL's work is as vital as ever.

The RBL is committed to the welfare, interests and memory of the Service family – those who have made a unique commitment to their country and deserve to be rewarded for that with long term care.

Welfare is at the heart of everything The Royal British Legion does through their extensive Poppy Support services.

From providing bereavement support, legal advice, supplying practical support like stair lifts and wheelchairs to funding the operating costs of the personnel recovery centres, established by Help For Heroes, the RBL remains committed to helping over 9.5million eligible service personnel and their families.

Please do support the Poppy Appeal this year, and stand shoulder to

shoulder, wearing your poppy with pride.

If you are currently serving in the Armed Forces, are an ex-Serviceman or woman or a dependant in need, I'd urge you to contact me or call Legionline on 08457 725 725 – no-one deserves our help more.

MP behind the bar on a fact-finding mission



ABOVE: Landlord Mark Lewis with Alun Cairns MP and Mike Haley, of Enterprise Inns.

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, backed British Pub Week by working a lunchtime shift behind the bar at the Fox & Hounds in St Brides Major.

He said he had volunteered as part of a parliamentary scheme to gain a greater understanding of the issues facing the pub trade.

"I was delighted to be invited to visit The Fox & Hounds in St Brides. Landlord Mark Lewis and the team made sure I was up to the mark and ready to serve their customers."

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Out and About with The GEM

Family fun
DURING the first two weeks of November, free events for all the family are being organised at local libraries in the Vale, linked to the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad programme.

Among the highlights of the library are guided walks from libraries at Cowbridge (Friday, November 11, 1.30pm), Llantwit Major (Thursday, November 10, 2.30pm) and Penarth (Friday, November 11, 10.30am).

Also, classical Indian dance by India Dance Wales at Art Central, Barry Library, on November 15, at 7pm.

There will be free IT taster sessions in several libraries; and Clap, Tap and Story sessions for pre-school children.

Table top sale
THERE will be a table top sale on Saturday, November 12, at 1pm-4pm in St Brides

Major church hall, St Brides Major.

Entry is free; there will be tables/rails of new/nearly new clothes, footwear, handbags, jewellery, cosmetics, bedding, bric-a-brac, toys, tools, cakes and a raffle. Proceeds in aid of The Stroke Association and Bridgend Tuesday Club.

Vale Am's

surgery

VALE of Glamorgan Assembly Member Jane Huft will be holding a surgery on Saturday, November 12, at Murchfield Community Centre, Dinas Powys, CF64 4QQ, from 10am-12 noon. No appointment is necessary.

Dinas comedy

ON November 10, 11 and 12, Dinas Powys Players will present *Out of Focus*, a comedy by Richard Gordon at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Britway Road.

Christmas

crafts
THE ladies of the parish of All Saints' Church, Barry, are holding a Christmas craft fair in the church hall (rear of All Saints' Church) on Saturday, November 12 at 10.30am.

Entrance is 50p and includes a cup of tea/coffee. Stalls will include

handmade speciality crafts, Christmas gifts, including cards, cake stall, organ souvenirs.

All proceeds will support the organ appeal in a bid to raise £70,000. All are welcome.

Volunteers sought

WRVS is looking for more volunteers to help on Tuesdays at 1pm in the Paget Rooms, Penarth with teas and other activities. You do not need to be a member of the WRVS.

If you can spare a couple of hours, we would like to meet you; just come along any Tuesday from 1pm - you will be most welcome.

Festive decorations

LLANCARFAN Ladies Tuesday Club are meeting on November 15 in Llanccarfan Village Hall at 7.45pm, when Mary Grey will demonstrate floral decorations for Christmas. Members and non-members are

all welcome.

Vale ways walks

ON Wednesday, November 16, at 1.45pm, the Coffee Shop Strollers, starting outside the Tourist Information Office, Barry Island.

Holy Land lecture

ROGER LEWIS, of the Vale Photographic Club, will present an illustrated talk on his recent visit to the Holy Land on Saturday, November 19 at the United Free Church, Westgate, Cowbridge, at 7.30pm. There is no admission charge and all are welcome.

Club AGM

LLANTWIT MAJOR Surf Lifesaving Club will hold its AGM on Tuesday, November 22, in the clubhouse at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

GEM winners!

Meal for two winner

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Davies of Boverton Court, Llantwit Major, who have won our meal for two competition to celebrate Cowbridge Food Festival weekend. Bon appetit!

GEM Halloween

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JENNY JONES is the winner of a week's free healthy Halloween smoothies, courtesy of Truly Scrumptious of Cowbridge. Well done!

Model railways

THE Barry and Penarth Model Railway club is holding its annual open day at Cadoxton Conservative Club on November 12 at 11am.

Admission is £2 for adults and £1.50 for children and senior citizens. On display will be the club's fixed layouts, a large five track 00 layout, Holton, an N gauge model of Machynlleth station.

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"THESE are the stories your history teacher forgot to tell you," says Welsh historian, broadcaster and blogger Phil Carradice of his latest book *Snapshots of Welsh History ... without the boring bits*.

Published by Accent Press on November 10, his new book aims to "blow away the cobwebs from dusty history to breathe the new life into stories from the past."

Originally written as a series of blogs for the BBC, Phil has now collected his stories from 1000BC to the 20th Century.

He said: "I have been lucky and always

found history fascinating, thanks to my father who taught me that history was a living, breathing thing, and my teachers at the old Pembroke Grammar School.

"Yet for many people, history remains a dry, sterile topic."

Phil will be touring Wales giving readings and signing copies of his book. He will be at the following Vale venues: November 16, 7pm, Nickleby's Book Store, 6 Poundfield Precinct, Llantwit Major, CF61 1DL (contact 01446 795166); November 17, 6.30pm, Windsor Books, 9a Windsor Road, Penarth, CF64 1JB (contact 02920 706455).

Exhibition draws crowds

VISITORS from as far afield as Canada attended the first exhibition in almost a decade by a Penarth-based Royal Academy artist.

London-born Terry Setch, who is inspired by the beaches around his Vale, has been exhibiting

his work at Barry's Art Central Gallery in King Square.

Mr Setch (75), who came to the Vale in the 1970s, is known for using materials such as carpet, polystyrene, polypropylene and metal in his work, which he picks up from nearby beaches. The exhibition runs until November 12.

Artist's work goes on show



PICTURED (left) is: "Early Morning Street Cleaner" by Peter Cronin

VALE artist Peter Cronin's work has been selected from hundreds of entries for The Royal Society of Marine Artists exhibition at the Mall Galleries, London.

He has also won two prizes in this year's Bath Prize exhibition, which celebrates the city of Bath in paint.

The Royal Society of Marine Artists London

show has come to be recognised as the most prestigious and varied exhibition of marine art in the UK.

Boats, harbours and all their paraphernalia have always fascinated the Llantwit Major-based artist, who has painted boats of all shapes and sizes - from the smallest one-man dinghy, to the huge 300,000 tonne carriers that used to berth at his former workplace, Port Talbot's giant steel plant.

CAOS recruiting

FOLLOWING their recent successful version of the Gilbert and Sullivan classic *The Pirates of Penzance*, CAOS are now recruiting for a story set in the Wild West.

Based on the film starring Doris Day, *Calamity Jane* is a musical western featuring all the famous songs, such as 'The Deadwood Stage', 'The Black Hills of Dakota', 'Windy City' and 'My Secret Love'.

CAOS are on the look-out for new talent, so if you're aged 16 and over, can sing and want to be involved, go to the Drama Studio at Cowbridge Comprehensive School any Tuesday at 7.30pm, or visit www.CowbridgeAOS.org.uk for details.

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UN o brif atyniadau maes yr Eisteddfod erbyn hyn yw'r pafiliwn Gwyddoniaeth a Thechnoleg ac ers ymddangos ar y maes am y tro cyntaf yn Eisteddfod Bangor 1971 mae'r ardangosfa wedi datblygu a thyfu llawer.

Bellach, dyma un o'r dathliadau mwyaf o Wyddoniaeth a Thechnoleg yn yr iaith Gymraeg gyda 26,000 yn mynychu ar gyfartaledd dros wythnos yr Eisteddfod.

Mae'n gartref i nifer fawr o weithgareddau a gwybodaeth sy'n apelio at bob oed, a'r nod yw sicrhau bod maes Gwyddoniaeth a Thechnoleg yn hygyr i bawb ac yn rhan gyffwrus o'r Eisteddfod.

Mae'r Pafiliwn Gwyddoniaeth wedi dod yn ffeiryn mawr ar y Maes ac mae'n gyfle i'n hymwelwyr gymryd rhan mewn gweithgareddau ymarferol, sy'n wahanol iawn i'r syniad traddodiadol o'r hyn a geir yn yr Eisteddfod.

Pwy fyddai'n meddwl bod cyfle i dorri record byd ar faes yr Eisteddfod fel y dig-

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I gydnabod hyn crewyd y Fedal Wyddoniaeth a Thechnoleg yn 2004, ac fe'i cyflwynir i unigolyn cymwys er clod yn flynyddol, ac ar hyn o bryd rydym yn chwilio am enwbiau ar gyfer Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg y flwyddyn nesaf.

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average over 26,000 visitors during the week.

It is home to activities and exhibitions that appeal to a cross section of people of all ages and the aim is to make science and technology accessible to all and an exciting part of the Eisteddfod.

The science and technology pavilion has become a great favourite on the 'Maes' and with so many activities taking place there every day, it's easy to see why so many children and young people rush there on reaching the Maes and stay there for hours and hours.

It provides an opportunity for visitors to take part in practical activities which are very different to the traditional idea of what an Eisteddfod is.

This is part of the appeal of the Eisteddfod, which provides itself on being able to say it offers something for everyone!

Although Wales may be known more for its singers and poets, our scientific and technological contributions are just as valuable in the history of our country.

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ual who has made a mark in the world of science and technology through the medium of Welsh.

Do you know someone who has made a difference to the world of science and technology through the medium of Welsh, or do you know someone who has promoted the use of Welsh in the science world?

If so why not nominate them for this prestigious prize.

Nominations, complete with a précis of the individual's work and contribution should be sent to the Eisteddfod Organiser, Eisteddfod Office, 15 Mold Business Park, Wrexham Road, Mold CH7 1XP by 31 January 2012.

The winner will be announced in April and will be honoured in a

special ceremony during Eisteddfod week.

The nomination form is available to download from the National Eisteddfod website - www.eisteddfod.org.uk, or ring the office on 0845 4090 400 for a copy.



Maendy dentist is awarded top Fellowship honour

MAENDY dentist Dr Hugh Bennett, has been awarded a Fellowship in dental surgery-by-election of the Faculty of Dental Surgery at The Royal College of Surgeons of England, in recognition of "the enormous contribution he has made to the profession".

He received the award at the college in London on Friday, October 28, which recognised that he has acted with distinction in dental public health, maintaining the highest standards of practice and patient care, particularly for the most vulnerable of the population.

In addition, Dr Bennett has repeatedly shown his determination to maintain high clinical and professional standards when advising Health Boards in Wales.

He studied dentistry



Dr Hugh Bennett.

at the Welsh School of Medicine, graduating in 1979. In 1988, he left general practice, taking up a post with the community dental service in Mid Glamorgan. In 1993, Hugh gained MDCD qualifications. In 1996, he took up a post with Powys NHS Trust, as head of dental services.

In 1998, he was appointed Deputy Chief Dental Officer (CDO)

for Wales, where he held a broad portfolio.

Amongst his most notable work for the Welsh Government was helping to ensure the future of the community dental service in Wales, supporting the expansion of dental postgraduate education and development of Design to Smile (the Welsh Government's national oral health improvement programme).

It is arguably his greatest legacy as deputy CDO, being probably the most significant oral health initiative for dentistry in Wales since the NHS was established.

In 2008, he took up his current post as a consultant in dental public health with Public Health Wales, being responsible for south west and mid Wales.

In January of this year, he became leader of the Public Health Wales dental team and is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health.

IN BRIEF Eisteddfod fundraisers

• **Evening of songs and music tomorrow (Friday, November 11) at 7.30pm in the Hare and Hounds pub, Aberthyn, performed by 'Half Tidy'. Contact 01446 793530.**

• **Fireworks and Food with a Bang on November 12 (7pm-10pm) at The Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Llantwit Major.**

• **Bring a plate, bowl and spoon! Tickets essential and limited to 50 people. Children under-16 free.**

For those wanting to see just the fireworks at 7.30pm, a collection will be taken during the show.

Contact Sian Tesni Roberts on 07790 618068 or 01446 793530.

• **Whist Drive/Gyrfa Chwist on November 15 at 7pm in The Old School, St Athan. Sociable evening of whist; £2 per person on the door, includes tea/coffee, sandwich and cake. Contact 01446 751950.**

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Please note: places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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Ty Hafan lottery DRAW WINNERS

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HEIST COMEDY FAILS TO STEAL YOUR ATTENTION

EDDIE MURPHY'S turn as James 'Thunder' Early in *Dreamgirls* was a rarity, not just for the fact that the comedian was playing it straight, but also because he wasn't hidden under a tonne of latex for 'comedic effect'.

Murphy's recent output has seen him fall back on the 'dressing up' that served him well with *The Nutty Professor*; however, *Norbit* proved that the spring has certainly run dry, while the likes of *Meet Dave* and *Imagine That* have been duds for the former king of comedy.

It is the vintage Murphy that will hopefully be on show in *Tower Heist*, where he plays Slide, a known thief who is asked by Josh Kovacs (Ben Stiller) to help him and his work colleagues (including Casey Affleck and Matthew Broderick) steal from the millionaire resident of the tower they work at (played by Alan Alda) after he lost their pension fund in an illegal scheme.

Can the group work together and pull off the elaborate heist and get their money back...?

Given the parlous financial state of the world right now, it's no wonder that the theme of 'taking it to the man' has become so prevalent in recent films.

Tower Heist is another film to add to this burgeoning genre, albeit with a comedic twist, but in the end the film feels far too insubstantial to take any real dig at the wealthy getting away with financial fraud, and also makes for only an intermittently amusing comedy.

Part of the problem lies with the man in the director's chair, Brett Ratner. While he has been undoubtedly successful since his bow with *Money Talks* back in 1997, he has also become very much a director for hire, his identity lost in amongst taking on films either for the pay or the prestige.

That isn't to say he is a dire director – the likes of *Rush Hour*, *After The Sunset* and *Red Dragon* are functional, entertaining works – but much like Shawn Levy (director of *Real Steel*), he seems to be in constant search of his voice.

His direction and handling of the story are decent here, but lack any real punch or verve – the film could easily have been shot by committee and you wouldn't have guessed who was directing from the seen-it-all-before aerial shots of New York.

While he is capable of mounting a good set-piece, the final heist that the film has been building towards feels flat and lifeless, riffing on past glories rather than developing something a little inventive.

It's surprising that this element of the film is so weak, given that it was co-scripted by Ted Griffin, who was involved in the *Ocean's Eleven* remake. You would think that this man would know how to create a good heist film; but sadly, it appears as though his muse deserted him on this occasion – although given that there are four other screenwriting credits on display he shouldn't take all the blame!

The comedy portion of the movie is slightly better served by the writers and the cast, playing off the genuine financial concerns of the common man, throwing in a little bit of job pride and a

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healthy dose of trying to make sure justice is done – even when the legal system lets you down; but it's all delivered with a slightly forced feel, often the tone feeling a little unsure.

That's not to say the performers don't try their best but they seem to be playing archetypes, rather than ploughing new ground. Ben Stiller is always watchable, but as the harried common

man trying to do good when he can't, he isn't exactly reinventing the wheel, and while amusing, it continues the sense of overfamiliarity that permeates this film.

Similarly, Eddie Murphy is more amusing than he has been in quite a while, but he's peddling the sort of schtick that he can reel off in his sleep, so much like Stiller, he creates an amusing but hardly original character.

In fact, it's those lower down the credits who are most entertaining; Casey Affleck letting loose for a change in a light role as a well-intentioned but inept concierge, to Matthew Broderick's nervy financial whizz with money troubles – and the underrated Michael Pena's new boy on the job.

However, despite these entertaining turns, it isn't quite enough to lift a rather leaden film that lacks punch and humour. While *Tower Heist* is certainly timely, it isn't that good either, and while it makes for a passable piece of brainless entertainment, it does little more than that.

VERDICT: Brett Ratner's first film since the calamity that was

Rush Hour 3 is a marked improvement from that particular outing, but *Tower Heist* would struggle to reach the top of his list.

While the theme is more than timely, the humour and bite that could derive from it aren't particularly well-handled, and coupled with decent but over-familiar turns, means that it is watchable but ultimately forgettable.

Average.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Ocean's Eleven* (2001), *Rush Hour* (1997).

Orchestra's 30th birthday

THIS year marks the 30th anniversary of Cerddorfa Dinas Powys Orchestra, amateur musicians from the Vale, Cardiff and further afield, who meet in the Lee Hall in Dinas Powys.

The orchestra was formed in 1981 by Barbara Parrott, a piano and school music teacher. The first leader was Peter Elias Jones who, on retiring, was succeeded by Rose Laurence, who along with her two daughters, also played in that first concert in March 1981.

Towards the end of 1992, Barbara was succeeded as conductor and musical director by the Anthony Tarlton, a professional violinist from the orchestra of Welsh National Opera.

A memorial concert was given for Rose Laurence in March 2002 and she was succeeded as leader by Kay Marshall.

This year's winter concert will be held on Sunday, December 11 at 7.30pm in the Lee Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys. The programme will also include Mendelssohn's *Italian Symphony*, as well as arias by Mozart, Handel and Lehar, with soloist Claire Hampton.

For full details, telephone 02920 704195 or email info@cdpo.org.uk. The orchestra's web site on www.cdpo.org.uk has information about the orchestra and concerts.

Collection for Marie Curie

A CHRISTMAS collection is to be held at Sainsbury's, Bridgend from November 21-25 to help raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Volunteers and fundraisers will be braving the weather to collect funds for the Marie Curie nursing service and every donation, however big or small, will help provide care and support for terminally ill people and their families.

Marie Curie nurses in Bridgend will be working throughout Christmas and the New Year to provide free care for terminally ill people in their own homes. The support

of Marie Curie nurses at this time means that patients can spend Christmas with their families at home, the place where most people want to be cared for.

The charity is also looking for people to volunteer as collectors, so if you can donate an hour of your time, then please contact the local Marie Curie fundraising office on 01792 461435.

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A trip to Barry's West End can solve those Christmas family present conundrums!

THE variety of shops in the High Street, Broad Street area has always been one of its great strengths.

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Presents for all members of the family are catered for in this Aladdin's cave of high quality items. The lingering scents wafting around due to the fragrances products, provide an alluring welcome.

Nicola, the owner, explained that there are price points to match anyone's purse, whether they want to spend £5, £20 or a little bit more.

The selection of men's gifts includes silk ties, cuff links, hip flasks, Celtic pens, letter openers, and watch-ers.

Nicola stocks many

top gift brands like Nougat's high end luxury toiletries and perfumes, for both men and women, Ashleigh and Burwood fragrance products, Gisela Graham Christmas decorations, and the stylish Cath Kidston range.

But there are so many more gift ideas in Miss Holmes' fragrances candles, humorous plaques, 100 per cent cotton vintage nightwear, leather handbags, scarves, cuddly toys, ornamental friendship globes, pampering products and Christmas cards and wrapping as well.

Nicola, who will soon start her third year on High Street, added: "We not only stock the most up-to-date gifts, but the best gifts in any year."

She is also running a Christmas 'wish list' - which means people can put down gifts they would like in their stocking and let a loved one know the list is in



Nathan and the Food for Thought team will be selling gingerbread men to raise money for Children in Need on November 18.



ABOVE: Bob Armstrong is hosting a Christmas grotto.

Miss Holmes, waiting for their selection.

SANTA'S GROTTTO

Dr Bob's Balloons and Fancy Dress has become a High Street institution, popular with children and people who want 'x-factor' products or balloon

sculptures at a party.

There's great news for the children of Barry this year - as Claire, Bob's daughter, announced: "The whole of the downstairs floor is going to be devoted to a Christmas grotto. "It will be magical

with balloon creations, Father Christmas and gifts, too."

The grotto will open on Friday, November 18 (from 3.30pm-6.30pm), and will continue on Saturdays until December 17 (12 noon-3pm each week).

People who take part in High Street's 'Find an Elf' competition can even win 10 per cent off the grotto price.

A visit to Dr Bob's is also an opportunity for parents to pick up any party products they need. Bob's balloon artwork is truly amazing, so the grotto is not to be missed!

In contrast, at the other end of High Street, Nathan Keeble and his team are gearing

up for a busy Christmas at Food for Thought.

The business was started by Nathan's father, Dave, and Nathan 'persuades' Dad to keep his hand in with the odd shift!

Nathan pointed out: "Now is the time for people to start thinking about putting in their Christmas orders for mince pies, pasties, Turkey crowns and stocking fillers."

Not only does Food for Thought stock all the standard delicatessen items, Nathan has sourced a few fun food products - like Nutrageous, Coca Cola Vanilla and Lucky Charms cereal.

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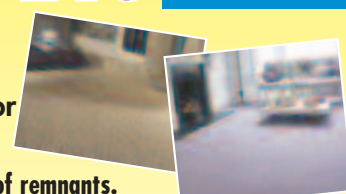
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Christmas starts with the big lights switch-on!

BOOTH the Vale Council and Barry Town Council have been praised by High Street Traders' chairman, Tony Hopkins, for supporting the big Christmas switch-on scheduled for November 18.

Tony said: "A big thank you goes to Barry Town Council, which has sponsored the lights. For the second year running we have a completely new display.

"We also want to thank the Vale Council, which agreed to sponsor the switch-on evening itself."

The event will kick off at 4pm and the authorities have appealed for all vehicles, public, private and residential, to be removed from High Street and Island Road before then.

Tony said: "Bro Radio will be live on air, playing a mixture of the latest hits and Christmas songs.

"High Street School and Ysgol Sant Baruc children's choirs will be singing traditional carols – and we're proud to have Barry Male Voice Choir again.

"Superstars in the Making, Pukka Productions and the Rising Sun Karate, will also be entertaining the crowds.

"We have The Monkey Playbus, two bouncy castles, face painters and a fire engine for inquisitive young children!"

Don't worry if it is a cold and windy night either. Tony pointed out: "As always, hot food and drinks will be on offer from many traders to keep out the winter cold, and there will be stall holders from various charities adding to what's on offer, not for

getting the all-important Santa's Grotto."

The grand switch-on will take place at 6.30pm and will be performed by West End star Connie Fisher and a Welsh rugby international.

Shopping experience that reinvents itself



ABOVE: Michelle Steele of the Sanctuary gift shop with her son Paul.

HIGH STREET has the enviable ability to reinvent itself and there is never a shortage of new businesses anxious to start trading in the area.

In recent months, three new shops have opened. Sanctuary gift shop, Little Big Shoes and The Lush Cake Company.

Sanctuary is an interesting addition, run by Michelle Steele.

It is the ideal place to locate a Christmas gift – stocking jewellery, retro glass ornaments, wooden crosses, handmade soaps, bath bombs, and personalised signs that can be made to order.

Michelle said: "My

husband is a carpenter and we struck on the idea of doing personalised wooden signs – which have been very popular.

"They can be made in whatever shape someone likes and bear a saying or words they like.

"Some are purchased by people who want to send them to family or friends abroad – often with a Welsh theme or phrase.

"On the evening of the switch-on of the Christmas lights, we will be running a workshop in making signs."

Little Big Shoes supplies ladies' shoes, teenage shoes, and sizes outside of the ordinary stock sizes, which means people don't have to make the journey to Cardiff for specialist fits.

Barry West End at Christmas time

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On the 'Christmas lights' evening, the staff will be selling gingerbread men with all proceeds going to Children in Need.

Festive shoppers in Barry's West End need a moment of relaxation with something to eat and Chaplins Restaurant and Steakhouse provides the answer.

It is a retro-themed establishment with subdued lighting and a quiet atmosphere away from the hurly burly of shopping.

Pictures of Hollywood stars – Liz Taylor, Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando – adorn the walls, and its leather chairs and Tiffany lamp shades evoke a classier age.

Richard Patterson, the manager, said: "We are open from 9.30am until 10pm. Breakfasts start from just £2.50.

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Raise a glass for Jane's 25th anniversary on the High Street!

TO remain in business for 25 years, amid the ups and downs of the economic rollercoaster, is quite a triumph for an independent business – and this year Jane James, of Jade Boutique, has reached that landmark!

Jane has issued an invitation to her many

customers to join her for a celebration.

"This Saturday, November 12, I'd love people to pop in for a glass of bubbly to mark my 25 years in the High Street area," she said.

Jane's expertise in buying has always drawn in style-conscious Vale women to the boutique, which stands on a prominent corner of High Street and Island Road.

The retail business is in her blood, as she explained: "My father Thomas Ross was in menswear all his life. He had 'Ross's Menswear' in Holton Road and another shop in Dock View Road.

"I first opened in 1986 on Broad Street and after 11 years, moved onto Island Road, where I stayed for just over eight years.

"When I saw this shop on High Street was available, I immediately wanted it, because it was in such a good position, and I've now been here for more than five years."

Jane has built up a loyal clientele over many years, and is valued by her customers because she is prepared to spend time with them, advising on the right evening dress, coat or accessory.

She explained: "I always try to make it a friendly, personal atmosphere for people in the shop."

One customer, June Powell, told The GEM: "I've known Jane for years now. She has the right attitude and will take time to help people select the right item of clothing or jewellery.

"If you are going to a special event, she knows what will work.

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Aware that people are more health-conscious these days, Tony Hopkins, of Vic Hopkins & Son, embarked on the process of developing the shop's own low fat sausage.

To achieve this is not a simple task, and official verification has to be sought.

Tony explained: "We thought about making a low fat sausage and offering them to local slimming clubs, so after speaking with trading standards at the Vale Council, we were put in touch with Cardiff Scientific Services.

"We submitted our 'pork and chive' sausages for laboratory analysis and were very disappointed to miss out by 0.9 of a gram!" Despite the disappointment, Tony and the staff were not to be denied.

"We went back to the chopping board for a rethink. A week later, we tried again and got the confirmation that our sausages 'satisfied the required criteria'.

"If local people are on a diet and think they can't eat sausages, they can think again – because we've now got free range, low fat sausages that taste great!"

Vic Hopkins & Son has served the people of Barry for decades. Vic, Tony's father, became the owner of 'the butcher's' back in 1968, but it wasn't until 1995 that the shop started making its own sausages.

Tony said: "It wasn't any sausage, but *real* sausage.



ABOVE: Tony Hopkins and staff are giving customers the option of a newly-developed low fat sausage.

"We started by making a plain pork sausage and a pork and beef sausage and they went from strength-to-strength.

"We now make more than 30 different varieties, rotating them on a weekly basis."

In 2005, the shop entered the 'North & South Wales Awards for Excellence in Meat Products' and won four gold awards.

Tony said: "We would have had the fifth, but some of them split when they were cooked. The judges said there was too much meat in them!"

Vic retired in 2005 and Tony took over the family business, with the warning "only give customers the best and you will see them time and time again".

Animal welfare is an increasingly important consideration for consumers, and Tony added: "We source our pork from The Welsh Farmyard on the Gower Peninsula, and we can proudly say that not only is our pork 'Freedom Food RSPCA-Monitored', it tastes great as well!"

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Organ appeal performance proves to be a big hit

ON October 20, the Gill Davies Players brought 'Music and Monologues' to a packed audience at All Saints' Church, Barry, raising £1,988 in support of the organ appeal.

The appeal, which was launched on May 29 in a bid to raise £70,000, now totals £14,751.70.

The players included Gill Davies, who has a long association with All Saints' Church and who personally sold more than 200 tickets for the event.

Howard Turnbull, David Hughes, Simon Carter (violinist) Hazel Hughes, Ian Phillips and Catrin Jones, regularly perform at local concerts to raise money for different charities, and they were all delighted to support Gill and the organ appeal.

All Saints' Church was a very fitting venue for this fundraising event with the splendid church organ in full view of the audience.

Compere for the evening, David Hughes, introduced the programme, including historical information about the musical pieces.

The players were accompanied throughout the evening by pianist Karen Bolt.

Part one opened with all the players performing 'Hey Old Friends' by Stephen Sondheim. This was followed by 'Tit Willow' from *The Mikado* performed by Hazel Hughes and Howard Turnbull, 'Gorgeous' from *The Apple Tree* sung by Catrin Jones, and 'Mr Sellophane' from *Chicago* performed by Ian Phillips.

Hazel Hughes gave an accomplished solo version of 'Send in the Clowns' from a *Little Night Music*.

Simon Carter took to the stage with a violin solo entitled 'Victory' – which got the audience toe tapping.

Gill Davies concluded part one by performing the Queen's Speech monologue to comic perfection, delighting the audience and stating, as the Queen, she would retire to Wales and live in Cardiff Castle!

During the interval, special souvenirs of the organ appeal were on sale.

There was also a raffle with all proceeds going to the appeal.

Part two commenced with Howard Turnbull performing another hilarious monologue as the father of the bride.

He shared the exploits of the newly-wed son-in-law and daughter resulting with much laughter from the audience.

Catrin Jones gave a fine performance of 'In His Eyes' from *Jekyll & Hyde* which was followed by 'Don't Remember You' from the Happy Times sung by Ian Phillips. Next on the programme 'To Help Unhappy Commoners' from Gilbert & Sullivan was performed by Howard Turnbull and Hazel Hughes.

Ian Phillips took to the pulpit for the poem *Blame the Vicar*, followed by 'As If We Never Said Goodbye' from *Sunset Boulevard* performed by Hazel Hughes.

The penultimate performance 'The Actors Lament Duet' saw Gill Davies and Ian Phillips return to the stage. This was fittingly followed by 'Schindler's List' performed once again by Simon Carter.

Finally Gill Davies gave a recital of the Rev Eli's Prayer, and a vote of thanks with particular mention to Pat Le Breton (verger), Ann Elliott and members of the fundraising sub-committee, Rev Canon Adrian Berry, the audience for their support and finally the cast of players.

The Reverend Canon Adrian Berry officially closed the evening expressing his thanks to the Gill Davies Players and all those who had attended and supported the event.

Autumn lunches
THE fundraising programme continues with Thursday lunches on November 10, 17, 24 at All Saints' church hall at 12 noon–1.30pm. Entry £5.

A craft fair will be held in the church hall this Saturday, November 12 at 10.30am; entry 50p. AE

Councillor's surgery

COUNS Janice Charles, Tony Hampton and Emlyn Williams are holding a surgery in the Cwm Talwg Community Centre this Saturday, November 12, from 10am-12pm, for constituents of the Iltyd ward in Barry.

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College principal receives honour

THE principal of Beechwood College in Sully, Darren Jackson, was honoured twice at the Wales Care Awards during a recent glittering ceremony at Cardiff City Hall.

Beechwood College is Wales' first and only residential college of further education catering for children, young people and adults with an Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC).

Darren, 36, of Pontypridd, won the gold 'Peter Clarke Award' for promoting excellence in services for children and young people, and was

also named as the prestigious winner of the 'Spirit of Care Award'.

The annual Wales Care Awards are presented to unsung heroes and heroines who are role models and beacons of excellence in the care sector. They are held in association with Care Forum Wales, a not-for-profit organisation set up in 1993 to give independent care providers a voice.

Mr Jackson started his career as an art and design teacher before progressing in the field of special education, and is now a key figure in raising awareness among professionals and the public of the special and

often complex needs of those with an ASC.

He has featured as an expert on TV and radio and in newspapers, while the college has provided free training and workshops to teachers, professionals and parents across the UK.

He became principal of Beechwood College almost three years ago and has since been promoted to the role of principal of the Ludlow-Orbis Group, where he provides the direction for the educational services across the college and two specialist ASC schools located in Brecon and Cardiff.

Darren said: "I am incredibly passionate about the role I play in supporting those with complex needs, and remain committed to empowering those who have in the past been deemed powerless, providing meaningful learning opportunities that equip those within our care with the necessary skills required to progress onto a richer and more fulfilling life within the wider community."

Health Minister Lesley Griffiths AM, who presented the awards, paid tribute to the work of Care Forum Wales in promoting dignity in care.

She said: "It's a time to recognise the excellent work that is taking place across Wales."

"The event is an opportunity to recognise all those who have been nominated, to recognise all of your commitment and efforts and to recognise your impact on others."

Mario Kreft, the chairman of Care Forum Wales, said there was a record number of nominations and the standard was extremely high.

He added: "There are only winners here, so it is only fitting that the finalists will receive a gold, silver or bronze Wales Care Award."

'VALE NEEDS JOBS!'

ALL politicians, whether on the council, in Westminster or the Senedd, agree that job creation is a priority.

Why then does our MP, Alun Cairns, want the Vale of Glamorgan to remain the way it is? (The GEM, October 27: "A terrific result as shale gas exploration halted.")

Yes, the Vale is beautiful; the villages, the pubs, the country roads – so was Barry Island and so was the old Harbour before David Davies created Barry Docks.

I sometimes think if such a proposal came forward now, some group, and the politicians, would oppose its creation (the latter as they don't want to lose votes and hence their well paid, super-annuated jobs).

Then there would be no Barry (save for a few houses) but it would be unspoilt: just as it was when my first wife's great-grandfather lived on the Island – as the only resident – as estate manager for Lord

Plymouth.

Sainsbury's would create jobs; others would lose; that is capitalist competition; or are all the Park Crescent shopkeepers now going to vote for socialist planning?

I doubt it.

Furthermore, I wager everyone, bar one perhaps, who signed the petition against it also shop in supermarkets elsewhere, and not, always, in the local shops.

Shale gas could create jobs; it may not, but what is most important? Jobs or the environment? The answer should be both; one needs the other.

Our MP talks about the vibrancy of Barry – unless jobs are created, the real sound will be the tumbrel, as jobs go east to Cardiff and Barry becomes one large housing estate – with a defunct, deserted airport, and everyone commuting to Cardiff for work and shopping.

Christopher Short, Barry (Former chairman: Friends of the Earth Cymru)

Hostel 'transformed' thanks to new grant

THE former Hafan Treharne Hostel in Ar Y Nant, Barry, has been transformed, thanks to a £650,000 refit provided by the Vale Council.

The money has been used to convert the original 24 single-room building into a new modern 21-room facility, now called Ty Iolo. There is also a newly-created lounge area and a large kitchen.

Each room has its own bathroom, with four providing disabled access and one of mobility standard.

The council is also working with the Communities First allotment project and Flying Start to offer advice and life skills training to residents in preparation for moving on.

Among a series of activities in the hostel, librarians have been reading to its youngest residents in story-time sessions and hostel workers have arranged bingo evenings.

The hostel caters for people from all kinds of backgrounds, including care-leavers, ex-servicemen and women and families.

Hostel resident, Victoria Robinson

(24), a student and mother of two from Barry, said: "Ty Iolo is modern and clean. It has a cosy lounge area with a spacious kitchen."

"The staff are really friendly and they are always there if you need to talk to them and I have also managed to make friends with a couple of the other residents."

"We have also taken part in some of the activities that have been put on, such as the bingo night, and the children play sessions with 'Flying Start' and I enjoyed the Halloween party."

Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, unveiled a plaque on November 1 to officially commemorate the hostel's opening.

He said: "The work of the hostel plays a vital role in the lives of many Barry residents. The improvements to the facilities here mean that we can provide an even better service to those who need our help."

"Homelessness is an issue that can affect anyone so it's really important that we continue to do all we can to help residents."



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Important times for Cowbridge Royal British Legion branch

THE Royal British Legion launched a pincer 'attack' on Cowbridge High Street last week – all in the great cause of raising cash to help former members of the Armed Forces.

While Roy Williams and Brenda Richards set up their stall outside the town hall, other Legion members were further up the street.

Pictured is the chairman of the Cowbridge branch, Haydn Painter, doing his shift with the collection box.

Both he and Roy were doing good business with the new self-adhesive poppies, which were proving very popular this year.

Roy said: "We will be out all day next week on Friday and Saturday, with a brief pause on Friday, at 11am, for this year's two-minute silence on the 11th hour of the 11th day."

Roy added that the Cowbridge branch of the Legion had two events



coming up soon. On November 11, at 7.30pm, there will be a branch meeting in the Lesser Hall.

Then, on December 8, the organisation will be holding its annual general meeting, again in the Lesser Hall at 7.30pm.

Haydn said: "We are very keen that new members should come along to the meetings. "We have lost a few members in recent years, and we want Cowbridge to keep an active Royal British Legion."

"Everyone will be made welcome."

Haydn Painter, the chairman of Cowbridge Royal British Legion, is keen to see new members join the branch.

Barry parade schedule

THE Royal British Legion (Barry branch) will hold an Armistice commemoration parade from King's Square, Barry, at 10.30am on November 13.

They will commence marching with other organisations from King's Square to the Merchant Navy Cenotaph, Barry Civic Offices, for a short ceremony and wreath-laying to commemorate and pay tribute to the Merchant Navy, and all who lost their lives at sea.

The parade will then move on to Barry Memorial Hall, where the Barry Mayor, Coun Mrs Bronwen Brooks and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Mr Colin Jones, will be taking the salute.

At the Cenotaph, wreaths and crosses will be laid to commemorate Armistice Day 11-11-11, and to pay tribute to all who lost their lives in the two World Wars 1914 and 1939.

After this short ceremony at 11am, there will be a service inside Barry Memorial Hall, conducted by Padre Ken Iverson.

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Remembrance Sunday – WHY IT MATTERS

THIS weekend sees the annual services on Remembrance Sunday, when people across the Vale of Glamorgan, Bridgend and throughout the country, set aside their hectic modern lives to remember relatives and friends who served in the two world wars, and other more recent conflicts.

The sacrifice of men and women in the three armed services, the Merchant Navy and those civilians who died as the result of enemy action will be remembered and honoured by those who attend ceremonies at memorials in the towns and villages across the area.

I will be attending the recently-discovered grave of my grandfather in Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry, who died as the result of being gassed during the First World War and will mark my



Reginald Poole with his niece Brenda.

gratitude to him by laying my own wreath to his memory.

This year, I would also like to pay tribute to a member of the Merchant Navy whose story was told to me recently by a relative.

Reginald Edward Poole, a married man aged 38, was the First Radio Officer aboard the M. V. Narragansett.

It was on its way from Port Arthur to Halifax with clean oil as a cargo.

At 06.09 hours on March 25, 1942, the unescorted Narragansett (ironically built in Germany in 1936) was hit in the stern by one torpedo from U-105 about 400 miles east of Hampton Roads, Virginia and sank at 06.18 hours.

The master, 42 crew members and six gunners were lost. The tanker had been missed by a spread of three torpedoes at 04.01 hours and a spread of two torpedoes at 04.08 hours.

Reginald Poole is commemorated in the Hall of Memory in Barry Memorial Hall and on the Second World War memorial in All Saints Church in Barry.

In the photograph, he is shown with his niece Brenda in a local park in Barry. Two human lives, a generation apart, in a peaceful moment before war intervened.

I am grateful to Mrs Brenda Mudford for supplying me with the photograph, and telling me her uncle's story.

Remembrance Sunday is a time when we should all recall the lives cut short by conflict and the way that wars affect all of us, young and old.

DR JONATHAN HICKS

THE FINAL INSPECTION

THE following anonymous poem is being distributed by the Forces charity, 'Healing The Wounds.'

*THE soldier stood and faced God.
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.*

*'Step forward now, you soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My Church you have been true?'*

*The soldier squared his shoulders and said,
'No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint.*

*I've had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.*

*But, I never took a penny,
That wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills got just too steep.*

*And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.*

*I know I don't deserve a place,
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.*

*If you've a place for me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't, I'll understand.*

*There was a silence all around the throne,
Where the saints had often trod.
As the soldier waited quietly,
For the judgement of his God.*

*'Step forward, now, you soldier,
You've borne your burdens well.
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BARRY COMPREHENSIVE NEWS

Book club learns about Teenquest



The BCBC (Barry Comprehensive Book Club) at Barry Library

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They found out about TeenQuest, an exciting new challenge that Barry Library are promoting.

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Peterston sale A TABLE top sale is being held in Peterston church and community hall from 10am-12noon on Saturday (November 12). Entry is free.

Penarth Computer Club news Backing up (part 2)

BACK-UP can be so very important: last week I, left you wondering what to do if your house burnt down – eventually, you will want to set up your computer again – this is where your back-up routine turns up trumps.

You won't be worried about losing unimportant stuff. Important files should be available from, say, a copy made to an

external hard disc that you used and stored away from home or in a fire-proof safe.

A little extreme for home users? Perhaps, but only until your house burns down. It's a bit like insurance, really: after asking yourself if the premiums were paid up, you start wondering when you last did a proper back-up.

You start thinking about what you must restore to be back in business and where it is stored.

All your pictures and

documents should be no problem as you have copies and can restore them. You have an operating system licence and the original discs for it (or you have made restore discs as the supplier recommends). You have the programme discs supplied (or copied from the hard disk when the machine was originally set up).

Lots of downloaded tunes could be downloaded again, but that means a lot of work and some might no longer be available. It could be

awkward if you have no backup of your emails or list of contacts.

You will need to recreate all the little tweaks you gave to your settings to suit your way of working. If these are important, or simply quite numerous, you could look at 'Whole Disk Imaging'. This makes an exact copy of your disk; restoration is quick, but you can only restore the whole disk and cannot salvage selected bits of it.

Before you take fright at what you haven't done, there are some sim-

ple emergency steps that can be taken quickly.

Email important documents to yourself. Your ISP (Internet Service Provider) will store your emails on its site for you until your backup is operating. They might even provide some free document storage – more if you pay for it. To be viable in the longer term you need to be sure the company will not vanish and that their security is good.

In order of increasing benefit: make copies of your files on your hard drive; on an external hard drive; on each of two external hard drives; ditto, one of which is kept in another building. In the short term you can write to CDs or DVDs.

All this is a holding exercise while design a system that works for you. If it is too complex you won't do it – so keep it simple.

Do it now. Windows 7 users can see a good article about its free provision for backup at: <http://windowssecrets.com/top-story/build-a-complete-windows-7-safety-net/>

The next meeting is on Tuesday, November 22 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. 7.30pm. Our Brains Trust will respond to computer-related questions. Visitors welcome. For more information, call 02920 708439.

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GLAMORGAN GEM BOOK REVIEW

Christmas present with whiff of past romance

MAESTEG and Tondy Lines: Middleton Press, £15.95.

An ideal Christmas present has just arrived at The GEM offices. *The Maesteg and Tondy Lines* is for local historians, photographers and rail enthusiasts alike. Hardback and with 96 pages and 120 photographs almost entirely unpublished, this latest volume forms part of Middleton Press' ultimate rail encyclopedia of over 350 books.

Starting in the Ely Valley with Llantrisant to Penygraig, the first image shows Llantrisant station in 1959 and the Cowbridge branch line still in situ. A very detailed map shows the track layout in 1919. Chapter 2 features Gilfach Goch and trains to Blackmill followed by Ogmore Vale and Nantymoel trains to Bridgend from 1873-1958 in Chapter 3.

Chapter 4 in the Garw Valley and Chapter 5 with Tondy have many excellent shots of the busy junction and much larger station with single footbridge, as at present.

An original print of Brunel's chalet style station buildings at Bridgend reminds us of his connection with south Wales.

Chapter 6, north of Tondy, features no fewer than 36 photos of the area and more excellent detailed



PICTURED: Bridgend Station in 1955.

maps of the railways.

Chapters 7, 8 and 9 cover Glyncoffw, Maesteg and West of Tondy.

For the statisticians, there are list of passenger numbers carried at various locations, as well as freight tonnage. All the maps are very detailed showing station locations, housing, industrial sites and pits.

It's a book you will often return to and maybe take with you when you visit the Maesteg and Tondy area.

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TOWN SETS ITS SIGHTS ON CHRISTMAS

Cowbridge High Street doesn't need Mary Portas!

by PHILIP IRWIN

THE build-up to Christmas this year will give Cowbridge a chance to show how it is bucking the national high street trend – and actually expanding!

At the moment, shopping guru Mary Portas is compiling a report for the Government on how to keep local town shops trading, as they come under attack from the out-of-town supermarket conglomerates.

However, Cowbridge is doing rather well on its own – without the 'Queen of Shops' advice.

In recent months, a string of new businesses have opened in the Eastgate area of the town – giving visitors even more to look at, and more places to visit.

For some years, civic leaders have felt that, for people shopping in the town, the high street has appeared to finish at the bridge over the River Thaw.

A number of residential properties appear at that point, and this masks the fact that more traders are active just a short distance up the road.

This misleading impression was exacerbated a few years ago, when a big antiques market closed.

Now, however, there are many more reasons for taking that extra stroll, as the new businesses have definitely increased the variety on offer in the town.

That antiques market is now a brand new children's play centre and coffee bar, while a new restaurant (Arboreal) and

healthy snack bar (Truly Scrumptious), have been added to the mix of fashion boutiques, restaurants, and opticians.

The town's newest charity shop, run by The Dogs Trust, is a boutique in itself, taking advantage of the generosity of residents in the area and offering its own range of fashion items.

Eastgate has not been deserted by the antiques business, and there are two active units offering a range of goods.

To add to the traditional shopping experience, an old-fashioned sweet shop has opened on the bridge, where you buy a quarter of sweets in a paper bag. (Well,

actually it is the metric equivalent!)

There is even, as every thriving market town used to have, a bookshop, where you can actually handle a book, and where the staff will search the electronic archives to order a rare volume!

This expansion into Eastgate has been achieved without any fall away in the 'traditional' High Street, where any shop that closes is never vacant for long.

Costa Coffee are on the way, and the Brains brewery chain has shown its confidence in the town with an extensive refurbishment of the Duke of Wellington.

Of course, the biggest investment in

the town will come from Waitrose, whose food store is scheduled to be open in time for Christmas 2012.

However, when it comes to grocery shopping and stocking up on those festive goodies, it pays to keep a weekly check on the excellent offers available at Filco – why bother wasting fuel and time and fighting the crowded carparks? – when everything you need, from general groceries to wines and spirits, are at 'Rock Bottom' prices.

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'REINDEER DAY NEXT BIG EVENT' Looking ahead to a Cowbridge Christmas

THE chairman of the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade says that the recent successful Food and Drink Festival was an ideal way of launching the Christmas shopping period.

Mr Alun John told The GEM that the chamber of trade was looking forward to the coming weeks, when more than 70 Christmas trees would decorate the town centre, with the grand switching-on of the town's lights taking place on Reindeer Parade day.

He said: "The food and drink festival gave a huge kick start to the period, and I would like to thank John Davies, Polly Wilson and their team for another wonderful event."

"It was great to see so many people in the town enjoying themselves over the weekend."

"It really is a great way of raising the profile of the town, and reminds visitors about what the town has to offer."

He explained that the concentration was now on making Reindeer Day (Sunday, November 27) another successful day, and he said that the tried and tested formula would continue.

The main street will be closed for one hour (from 12 noon to 1pm) so that the reindeer parade can take place, and Santa will be in his grotto in the town hall from 2pm until 5pm.

Once again, there will be an opportunity for the children to get close to the reindeer during the afternoon, and there will be a small fair in the town as well.

BBC TV presenters Rhodri and Lucy Owen, who are great supporters of Cowbridge, will be switching the Christmas lights on at around 5.15pm, and the chamber of trade is also keeping its fingers crossed to see if some special guests will confirm that they can make it.

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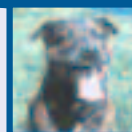
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Planning for Reindeer Day

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Alun John said: "The chamber of trade would like to apologise to anyone who is inconvenienced by the road closure, but it is for just a limited period, and is for an event that really raises the profile of the town."

He said that trading in any high street was "challenging" these days, but that traders were determined to offer a very wide service to customers, so that those who shopped locally would be happy.

The chamber was urging traders to open on Sundays through December, and he reported that those who been doing so were starting to see a real benefit.

Mr John said: "The chamber has made available 100 Christmas trees, so I would urge anyone who has not signed up yet to display one to contact myself (on 01446 772229) or Natalie Isaac (on 07970 779580)."

He added: "I would appeal to local people to 'shop local' to help our town centre thrive."

"To visitors, I would say that Cowbridge offers the chance to buy many items that you simply won't find in the chain stores."

"You won't regret spending time here, and you will definitely find something special."

Festival is an annual delight



The Christmas Tree Festival in Holy Cross Church is now a regular fixture in the Cowbridge calendar, and it is supported by numerous local organisations, primary schools, and charities. For full details, see article on facing page 'Not Just Reindeer on Big Weekend'.



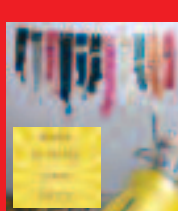
ABOVE:
Just a few of the many trees in last year's festival. (Photographs by MIKE WILCOCK).

Council's panto venture

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council has branched out into the impresario business and is putting on a pantomime this year in the town hall.

The show will be performed on December 15 and the council hopes to attract a good audience from local school-children.

A recent meeting of the council was told that there was every chance that the event could break even, or make a modest profit, but that the main aim was to showcase the town hall as a venue for events.



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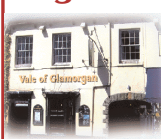
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A welcome to Cowbridge

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(Lines from Sir Walter Scott's Marmion)

WELCOME to Cowbridge at Christmas!

It's that special time of the year when dark nights, short days, bright lights and school plays are back with us again.

It's a time of Christmas cards, decorations, trees with twinkling lights, carols and eating too much. It's party time in the home

*by the Mayor of Cowbridge
with Llanblethian,
Coun ANDY BANKS.*

and office. It's catching up with friends and family, late-night shopping, open air markets and Christmas dinners. It's all these things put together which make Christmas a tradition we cherish, and if we haven't got them, we really miss them.

So, as you walk along Cowbridge High Street, wondering which one of the choice shops or restaurants you'd like to try next

for a bite to eat, or for that special stocking filler, don't forget those who can't be there or with their families either through illness, or circumstances.

Christmas is a family time; it started with a family two thousand years ago and it's where you'd rather be if you're far away with the military in a remote part of the world.

So if you can, come to the family atmosphere at our Reindeer Parade on Sunday, November 27, with the switch-on of the lights, and enjoy this Christmas and New Year in Cowbridge.

Charity card shop is open



Liz Macintosh and Jo Knapp from Barnardo's, doing their shift in the card shop.

A POPULAR seasonal favourite has returned to the town as, once again, the charity Christmas card shop has opened in the Old Hall.

As in previous years, the shop features cards from many highly-regarded charities, and buyers can be assured that a high proportion of the purchase price will go to the charity.

Volunteers from different charities are serving in the shop on a rota basis and, when The GEM visited, Liz Macintosh and Jo Knapp from the local fundraising committee for

Barnardo's were behind the counter.

This year, the overall organiser is Neville Farthing. He told The GEM: "It is good to have the shop up and running, although we did hope to have it open a couple of days earlier."

"The volunteers who open the shop do a great job, and they really make a difference."

He said that the shop hours are not totally filled and he would welcome a little more help.

He added: "We do have some vacant times at the end of the week, and in the afternoons."

"Anyone interested should call into the shop or telephone me on 01446 792964."

Cowbridge will help charities at Christmas

AS Cowbridge looks forward to attracting its fair share of the Christmas spending pot, local organisations are keen to do their bit for charity.

Y Bont Faen Primary School is repeating last year's successful appeal for 'Operation Christmas Child' - the charity that sends shoe boxes packed with Christmas goodies to children in poorer countries.

Pupils at the school will be putting together

er their presents and the school has set a deadline of November 18 to receive the completed boxes.

RED CROSS
The Red Cross Shop in Penny Lane is to run a series of Christmas charity promotions.

The winner of the current one will receive a free personal cookery lesson from Steve Bell, TV's 'Cooking Camper'.

Raffle tickets for this prize can be bought until November 19.

The following week, the prize will be an in-store manicure from a

(fully-qualified) volunteer at the shop.

Nearer Christmas, a charity quiz is planned.

CAROLS IN THE CASTLE
A REAL Christmas event to look forward to in Cowbridge is the 'Carols in the Castle' evening, on December 22.

Organised by Churches Together in Cowbridge, the group will meet in the cattle market at 6pm, and the procession, led by a donkey and illuminated by lanterns, will make its way to St Quentin's Castle.

Carols will be sung, and there will also be hot and cold refreshments.

NOT JUST REINDEER ON BIG WEEKEND

COWBRIDGE'S Reindeer Day has always taken place on a Sunday, but in recent years, organisations in the town have added extra attractions to the day.

Holy Cross Church, for instance, has a packed programme over the three days (Friday, November 25 to Sunday, November 27) which includes a special concert in the church by the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir on the Friday evening.

The choir will be performing in a very colourful setting, because on the Thursday, volunteers will be decorating the church with Christmas trees, ready for the three-day Christmas

Tree Festival.

Holy Cross will also be holding a barbecue on the Saturday and the Sunday, from 12 noon to 2pm on each day.

Profits from the Holy Cross events will go to two charities, the Wales Air Ambulance, and the church's own restoration fund.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Churches Together in Cowbridge is also continuing its tradition of joining the reindeer parade on the Sunday, with children in Nativity costumes, reminding everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.

The Nativity parade will follow Santa and his reindeer, and this parade will be led by a donkey. Children taking part in this parade will assemble in the grounds of the United Free

Church on Westgate.

SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The PTA at Y Bont Faen Primary School is organising a Christmas Fayre in the school grounds on the busy weekend, on Saturday, November 26, 10am to noon in the school grounds.

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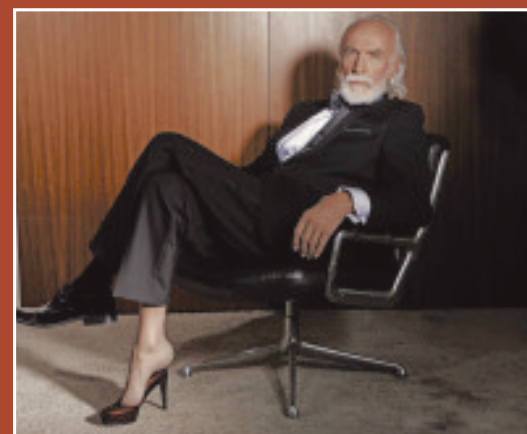
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A look-back at last year's Reindeer Parade



Winners collect their birthday party prizes



ABOVE: Prize winner Helen Hobrough (centre) with Bijou owners Chris Voyle and Victoria Barker.

FOUR lucky winners have won £50 birthday party vouchers for Bijou – the new play centre in Cowbridge.

They were drawn from last week's GEM competition, answering correctly that Bijou had 150 visitors to its new centre on its opening day.

One winner was Georgina Jones from Llantwit Major – so her three-year-old son Benjamin will be happy. Jane Malak has three candidates to

choose from – her children Sebastian (seven), Tula (four) and Oscar (three).

Rosemarie Farmer will have the difficult choice of choosing which of her grandchildren will benefit, while Helen Hobrough (above) has to choose between grandchildren Xantia (six) and 15-month twins Maxim and Zander.

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News from Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig

IT has been a very busy term for pupils and staff at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig.

Recently, the Zambia Ladies' Choir visited the school assembly for a special performance and sang three songs.

The children replied with a song of their own and the assembly finished with both the children and the Zambian choir in full voice.

The school also had success at this year's Urdd Cardiff and the Vale Cross-Country championships, achieving a 2nd, 3rd and 5th in the year-3 girls competition, which resulted in the girls winning the team event.

There was great success too in the year-4 and 5 girls' race, where sisters Brooke and Ellie Peterson both won individual gold.

However, the biggest success was ensuring that almost 40 children were able to compete and enjoy the experience.

Thanks go to coach Miss Heledd Gruffudd and experienced half marathon runner Mr Aled Williams for looking after these children.

The school would also like to thank our male staff members and all the fathers from the school



ABOVE: Brooke and Ellie win gold!

who are hiding their ferched blwyddyn 3 am shavers during gipio'r fedal aur yn y ras 'Movember' to raise ffin yng nghystadleueth funds for the school, and to help research into the prevention and cure of prostate cancer.

We will provide regular updates on the growth of facial hair during 'Movember'!

Tymor prysur a fu yn Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Aled Williams am eu hyf-Curig hyd yn hyn! fforddi.

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News from the Penarth and District Ramblers

THE weather forecast for Barrie's planned walk at Partrishow was abysmal – so he took his party of nine walkers up to Garwaint visitors' centre, which is run by the Forestry Commission.

Under grey skies, they set off along tracks which followed a stream and waterfalls where they passed sculptures of animals constructed out of wire, branches and twigs or carved.

They made their way uphill to Cadair Fawr where the trig point stands at 485-metres and travelling southwest across the ridge of Cefn Cadlan, which translated means 'the ridge of the battlefield' where much of the area is pitted with shakeholes, they reached Garn Ddu quarry.

On the lower slopes of Mynydd-y-glog, a light mist surrounded them, so they stopped for lunch in the shelter of a small disused quarry.

The leader imparted his knowledge about two planes that crashed on the mountain: a Mustang crashed on September 7, 1945 but luckily, the pilot was uninjured. A Hornet crashed on September 30, 1946 in unknown circumstances, when the pilot was sadly killed.

They descended to Ogof Fawr near

the Nant Cadlan stream and entered Pant Sychbant or 'the hollow of the dry hollow,' site of a deserted rural settlement.

They later joined part of the Taff Trail. By this point, the rain was heavy and unrelentingly followed them as they made their way back to the reservoir at Llwyn-on which is the largest of the three reservoirs in the Taf Fawr valley, owned by Welsh Water.

This part of the valley was mainly agricultural and a sheep-farming area until it was flooded for the construction of the reservoirs.

On November 12, meet at 10am at the Wenloe War Memorial for a 3.5-mile easy walk in the St Lythans area; contact Geraint on 02920 515278.

On November 13, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 9-mile moderate/hard walk at Sugar Loaf Mountain; contact Robin on 02920 514051.

On November 16, meet at 9am at Cogan for an 8.5-mile easy flat walk at Marshfield and Peterstone Wentloog; contact William on 01446 747239.

Membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 02920 219102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Inspirational Homes

Wise planning can help your greenhouse to bear fruit...

SOME useful tips on how to keep your greenhouse in tip-top condition – plus, find out what else needs doing in the garden this week.

by HANNAH STEPHENSON

While many of us will be turning up the central heating, and closing the curtains as shorter nights draw in, others will be doing some serious pottering in the greenhouse.

Indeed, the greenhouse – heated or unheated – can provide a haven for gardeners where they can still plant and sow, reaping the rewards of both edible and ornamental plants during the cooler months.

You can have a greenhouse bursting with ornamentals from autumn through to spring, grow a variety of crops and safeguard tender flowering plants and fruit trees – if you plan carefully.

If your greenhouse is unheated, you will be more limited, but it is still possible to have lush, green displays of feathery ferns, ivies, and scented shrubs which will give you a delicious waft of perfume every time you go in the greenhouse – and some well-chosen bulbs and alpine towards springtime.

Plant shrubs, such as *Daphne odora* 'Aureomarginata' in pots outside and then bring them into the greenhouse at the end of the autumn.

It produces pale purple-pink flowers and glossy green leaves and is a star in the winter greenhouse.

Some foliage plants also look stunning in the greenhouse in winter. *Fatsia japonica*, with its exotic, glossy leaves, could easily be a stand-alone specimen, while shallow troughs of colourful alpines on waist-high staging, including cyclamen, chionodoxa and anemone, dwarf narcissi and colourful primulas will create a riot of colour in late winter and early spring.

Scented annuals can also be wonderful in the greenhouse. Plant heliotrope or mignonette in late summer, to bloom in the greenhouse in late

You can also be sowing and planting in the greenhouse over the cooler months. Many plants can be grown much earlier and produce crops earlier than would be achieved outside.

Salad leaves, particularly the cut-and-come-again varieties, can be sown all year round, grow quickly and taste great when they are picked young.

They are suitable for growing in pots, trays or soil borders. In winter, you can also sow broad beans and early peas if you have border space.

You'll have more choice of what to grow if you have a greenhouse heater, or at least a heated propagator, to get tender veg off to a good start.

Vegetables grown in traditional greenhouses, such as tomatoes, aubergines, cucumbers

and peppers, are usually planted in spring. But you can sow greenhouse tomatoes in a heated propagator as early as December, for growing on in a heated greenhouse.

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OAK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Dosbarth Enfys visit to Porthkerry Country Park



AS a part of our topic this term we have been learning about autumn and the children have already identified some tell-tale signs that it is now officially here.

To reinforce their learning, we went to Porthkerry Country Park to experience autumn in a little more depth.

Once everyone had arrived, we went for a walk along the big field and through the woods – we collected lots of autumn ‘treasures’, which we looked at and sorted when we got back to school.

We would like to thank all of the parents and grandparents, who



came to Porthkerry and helped us. You were all brilliant and a great help.

Halloween disco

On October 31, the school hall was spectacularly transformed for a Halloween Disco.

The disco was a great success and raised funds

for the school. All the children dressed up with prizes given for the best costumes and mums and dads joined in the fun.

SS



The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre
(Telephone: 01656 725219)

Loyal 'Shadow' would make ideal companion

THIS WEEK: Shadow is an eight-year-old crossbreed and he is a really lovely dog with a loyal and affectionate nature, a centre spokeswoman reports.

He can be wary of strangers at first but once he knows you, he is your friend for life. He will make someone a fantastic companion.

Shadow is looking for an adult only home. He has lived with a female dog before so could live with another dog.

Shadow is under treatment for a skin condition which is under control, but he will need to stay on medication for life.

However, the Dogs Trust will cover the cost of veterinary bills relating to this condition. Please consider him as he's been with us for some time now.

There is no reason for him to be overlooked and we know his perfect home is out there.



SHADOW.

VOGA

EXHIBITION

VALE of Glamorgan Artists (www.voga.org.uk) are exhibiting their latest paintings, ceramics and 3D works in an exhibition entitled 'Light' at Art Central, King Square, Barry, from November 22 – January 14, 2012 at 10am–4pm, Tuesday to Saturday. Admission free.

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ELLENA'S
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Ellena's eco house wins competition



Ellena Jones.

A local schoolgirl's design for her dream home has won a Vale Council drawing competition.

Ten-year-old Ellena Jones' winning design includes sustainable features such as rain-water harvesting, home composting and even space for growing vegetables and keeping

her own hens. The children's drawing competition was organised to publicise the lack of affordable housing in the rural Vale and entrants were asked to draw their dream home.

Competition was stiff, so the top five entries were judged in an X-Factor style vote by council housing staff.

Ellena of Barry, who is a keen Cardiff City fan and plays football for Sully Scarlets, chose Cardiff City merchandise for her prize.

Alan Sinclair, the council's affordable housing enabler, presented her with her prize during autumn half term.

Bored Dumbo ready for new home!



HELLO, I am Dumbo and I need a new home.

I have been at the Bridgend Adoption Centre since April! I had to come here when I was pregnant and now that my kittens have grown up, I am ready to find a new family.

I am getting bored with these four walls and am desperate for a new place to explore and new friends to get to know.

I would love to be in a new home before Christmas. Please come and visit me and brighten my day.

I would suit a home with older children and don't mind being the only pet, or could live with another quiet cat.

Cats Protection has a new helpline number: 03000 12 12 12. Calls charged at standard rate.

The One Show comes to local cookery school



BBC's One Show came to Llanerch Vineyard Cookery school last week to film the final of their trifle competition.

Three contestants were chosen from hundreds of entries by the founder of the cookery school and Welsh chef,

Angela Gray to re-create their dishes in front of the cameras and be judged by Angela and restaurant critic Jay Raynor (above).

Watch Friday's episode of The One Show to see which contestant won the One Show Title of 'Best Trifle'.

'DEMOCRACY NOT DIKTAT'

VOTERS would do well to reject the advice from one of your recent correspondents to vote for independent candidates for council elections (GEM letters, November 3).

There are currently two councils in Wales where the Welsh Government have had to intervene because they are not running their affairs effectively – they are both run by independents.

An independent councillor or candidate may or may not be a capable individual, but that is their weakness – they are just one individual.

You only get one individual's perspectives and they only bring their individual knowledge and skills to council issues.

If you have a council run by independents, the voters have no idea what policies and values that set of councillors is going to decide, because there is no coherent plan. Voters

should be able to see in advance what they are voting for in terms of policies and services.

Political party candidates have a broad set of values to start with, and the local party members and candidates agree jointly on their manifesto – setting out their policies and actions if they are elected.

It's entirely reasonable that councillors, once elected, are expected to stick to their promises, and that as a member of a party group of councillors, they jointly discuss, decide and support the many decisions that have to be made for the council.

"Mindless robotic slave to party dictates" doesn't come into it.

Your correspondent doesn't seem to understand the basics of democratic discussion and decision-making. John Drysdale, Peterston Super Ely (Labour Party candidate for Illyd).

Academic's talk

PROFESSOR Gareth Williams of Cardiff University will be the speaker on Tuesday, November 15 at 7.30pm in St Andrews Major Golf Club.

A recognised expert in inequality, public health and community regeneration, Prof Williams will draw on his research in

Wales for his talk. As an exiled Welshman for most of his life, he will also talk about the experience of growing up Welsh in London.

The talk is the last in the series of 'Three Talks on Tuesdays' organised by Canolfan Porthceri Centre.

For more information, call 07982 319456, or you can email dot@porthceri.co.uk

Residents' concerns over plan to build new homes at the rear of their street

A PLANNING application to build new homes at the rear of a street is causing concern among its residents.

An application has been submitted to build nine new homes on empty land at the rear of Robbins Lane, Barry, but residents are saying that they want to see the drainage problems sorted out first before the scheme is given the go-ahead.

They have also expressed concern that access to the new development will be via a narrow lane from a blind corner.

Robbins Lane resident Alison Haggard, whose home has been flooded several times, said: "I have some serious concerns about this planning application, because not only is the area in question quite



ABOVE: Flooding in Robbins Lane.

often flooded, but also because access will be via a narrow lane next to my home."

Coun Richard Bertin has agreed to take the matter up with the Vale Council.

He said: "As a planning committee member, I have now asked that this matter is brought before the full planning committee and I will, at that point, request that a

site visit takes place at this location."

Robbins Lane and the surrounding area were caught up in the flash flooding in 2007.

Many homes were affected, including Mrs Haggard's.

A scheme of works is now being drawn up to ensure that the risk of flooding is reduced in the Coldbrook catchment area.

Fireworks Fiesta night was a roaring success

LAST weekend, my family and I were delighted to attend the excellent Fireworks Fiesta evening on Barry Island, organised by Barry Rotary Club in aid of local and international charities, which proved to be a huge success once again.

The annual event was more popular than ever (particularly after last year's rain) with thousands of people enjoying a fireworks display that was bigger and better than ever.

The good weather meant that everyone was able to enjoy the fun, fireworks and music provided – as well as enjoy



Left to right: Henri Cairns, Alun Cairns MP, Katherine Kemp, deputy Vale Mayor, David Ball, president of Barry Rotary Club.

the delights of the Island traders.

I would like to personally congratulate David Ball, president of Barry Rotary Club and Rotary club members,

on what must have been a tremendous amount of hard work to organise the whole event.

My thanks, too, to Dinas Powys and Barry Vale Rotary who also helped Barry Rotary Club with the arrangements.

This free event is made possible by the voluntary contributions from the many visitors on the night, but also the essential financial support from key sponsors, the Vale Council, ABP and Centrica.

I was delighted that Marco helped co-ordinate support for the event on behalf of the Island traders – who all provided such an essential element to the whole event's success.

Congratulations once again to all who helped and took part in the Firework Fiesta – just fantastic! ALUN CAIRNS, MP for the Vale of Glamorgan

Best wishes to Oz-bound James



Barry RFC captain, Hywel Jones presents a shirt to James Hadfield, who will be leaving the club to emigrate to Australia – the club wish him all the best for the future.

Talking about incinerators

THE next meeting of the Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) will be on November 14, in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, at 7.30pm.

Eluned Parrott, Liberal Democrat AM, will answer questions over the present position regarding incinerators and the collection/treatment of household waste.

"Covanta may have withdrawn from building a huge incinerator in Merthyr, but DIAG remain vigilant over any proposals in Barry," said Keith Stockdale, Barry and Vale FoE Co-ordinator.

Charity quiz

THE Barry Committee of Cancer Research UK Cymru is holding a quiz night at the Mount Sorrel Hotel, Barry, on November 16 at 8pm.

Entrance is £2 per person, payable at the door. All are welcome.

Dinner dance

THE parish of Penarth All Saints invites the public to a fundraising dinner dance with an auction of promises on November 19 in the Paget Rooms.

Tickets £35, are available from Mel Griffin on 02920 712301 or from Foxy's Deli.

Crafts for charity

COWBRIDGE 'Stitch and Bitch' is holding a festive 'Crafters' tea on November 19, at the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall (3pm-5pm).

There will be handmade crafts, home-baked cakes and pro-

Scout fayre

THE 11th Barry Sea Scout Group in Ilminster Street, is celebrating 70 years of Scouting (although the roots of the Barry group can be traced to around 1910).

It holds a Christmas fayre on November 26 from 11am until 3pm with festive stalls as well as Santa's grotto. More information is available on www.11thbarryscouts.org.uk.

Penllyn fayre

CHRISTMAS craft fayre will be held at Penllyn village hall on December 3, from 11am-3pm.

There will be jewellery, crafts, gift ideas, cakes, raffles and a special visit from Santa.

Emmanuel in Porthcawl

CÔR BRO OGWR presents Joseph Parry's Emmanuel (conducted by Edward Rhys Harry) at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, on December 17, at 7.30pm.

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WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT, AND WHERE IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN?

Mr M and Mrs A Hitchen – **1 Fulmar Close, Lavernock Park, Penarth** – First floor extension to front of property, bringing two front bedrooms out to meet current lower/ground floor rooms.

Mrs Heather March – **West Farm, West Street, Llantwit Major** – Change of use of redundant barns to residential property.

Mrs J Vincent – **46 Pencoeetre Road, Barry** – Single storey side extension and loft conversion.

Mr Anthony Charles – **32 Bullfinch Road, St Athan** – New detached garage to the side of the property.

Mr David Evans – **Pen Onn Farm, Llanarfan** – Application for the relocation of a farmstead including the construction of six steel portal-framed buildings to be used to house suckler and their calves, finishing beef cattle, grain storage, straw storage, grass and silage storage, machinery storage and biomass boiler.

Mrs Anne Bowsher – **Cogan Primary School, Pill Street, Cogan** – Eco schools flag.

Mr Richard Ware – **All Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Plas Cleddau, off Severn Avenue, Cwm Talwg, Barry** – Eco schools green flag/flag pole.

Mrs Helen Spear – **14 West Terrace, Penarth** – Single storey rear extension.

Ms Eirlys Hatcher – **Coed Mansel, Llangan** – Retention of agricultural barn.

Mr Michael Armitage – **Maes Seasons, Peterston Super Ely** – Replacement double garage with first floor accommodation, plus stables.

Mr Ralph Evans – **Unit 3, Seaview, St Athan** – Proposed conversion of barn to dwelling.

Mrs Cheryl Evans – **Skin Shop, 112/113 Glebe Street, Penarth** – Retention of change of use to mixed retail and beauty salon.

Mr Geoff Davies – **Elm Cottage, The Common, Dinas Powys** – Removal of existing conservatory and replace with orangery to property.

Mr Peter Evans – **Swallow Barns, Dyffryn** – Proposed oak framed conservatory link extension and open bay detached garage.

Asbri Planning Limited – **Highlands, Pound Lane, Wenvoe** – Retrospective application for the construction of a stable building in the residential curtilage.

Mr Darren Weir – **6 Llwyn David, The**

Waterfront, Barry – Conversion from integral garage to habitable room. Existing garage door to be replaced with full length windows and French doors.

Greggs PLC – **3 The Precinct, Llantwit Major** – New shopfront, fascia signage, projecting sign and signage on side elevation, together with two air conditioning cassettes in the rear yard.

Savills – **14 High Street, Cowbridge** – Planning application for the change of use to allow a coffee shop (mixed A1/A3 use), alterations to rear elevation and the creation of a rear courtyard, including air conditioning units.

Mr Nathan Scott-Cook – **77 Andrew Road, Cogan** – Subdivision of property to form two self contained flats.

Mr Leigh Young – **Hendre Alcam, Wick Road, Llantwit Major** – Proposed hay barn/animal store. C2J Architects – **Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club, Llantwit Major Beach** – Proposed extension to existing surf lifesavers club.

Mrs Henshaw – **Swyn y Coed, St Nicholas** – Fell to ground level two conifers (T1 and T2).

Mr R Pimlott – **Ty Gardd, Tower Hill, Penarth** – Fell Magro Carpa.

Mr Granger – **16 Park Road, Penarth** – Fell two sycamore, lightly reduce oak and fell ash stems.

Mr Ray Summers – **Caravan Hospital, Coed Emllyn Park, St Hilary** – Redevelopment of site from existing caravan/motorhome repair business to three detached sustainable zero carbon residential buildings.

Mr Simon Lane – **Northcliffe Farm, Dyffryn** – Alteration and extension to house as an amendment to previously approved scheme. (2011/00185/FUL).

Mr R Smith – **46 Cae Canol, Penarth** – Convert existing garage to annex plus two storey side extension with new garage to ground floor and annex bedroom above.

Mr Robert Chandler – **2 Meadowside, Sully Road, Penarth** – Rosewood on white UPVC Edwardian conservatory.

Mr and Mrs C Hannah – **Foxpad, St Lythans** – Change of use/provision of block of three stables with hay store/tack room/feed store, together with provision of new dual use access and turning facility for the stables and the existing dwelling.

Mr David Follett – **New Jerusalem**

Congregational Church, Tynewydd Road, Barry – Install disabled ramp to chapel, two new external staircases and solar panels.

Mr Craig Freeman – **Barkways Cottage, Grants Field, The Downs, St Nicholas** – Conversion and extension of a double garage into an office.

Mr John Arthur – **19 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys** – Remove suckers, crown raise foliage up by another 2m and thin out regrowth from previous reduction on lime T1; clear power cables and BT by up to 1m on lime T2.

Mrs Watkins – **Parkside, Park Road, Penarth** – Reduce back or thin all over extended limbs around entire crown, reduce weight by 15 percent, including crown raising over wall and clearing property by up to 2m on pine T1.

Mr Davies – **18 Wordsworth Close, Llantwit Major** – Conservatory to rear.

Mr Steven Helm – **52 Pontypridd Road, Barry** – Extension for kitchen area.

Lidl UK GmbH – **Lidl UK, Cennin Pedr, Barry** – wall mounted billboard.

Fitz Project Management – **2 Eastgate Cowbridge** – proposed disabled entrance.

RC Estates – **Bridgefield, 89 Broadway, Llanblethian** – two new dormer windows to front elevation to provide daylight to storage space.

Mr Twomley – **Parkmount, 4 Bridgeman Road, Penarth** – dismantle one triple-stemmed Corsican pine and one twin-stemmed pine.

N Phillips – **1st Dinas Powys Scout Group, 9 Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys** – fell the twin trunk sycamore on the highway frontage.

Mr and Mrs D Pearn – **Ty Newydd Y Bryn, Peterston Super Ely** – rear kitchen extension and two dormers in lieu of Velux.

Mr Robert Price – **12 Malthouse Court, Broughton** – construction of detached garage.

Mr Wayne Roderick – **58 Millfield Drive, Cowbridge** – demolish and reconstruct rear extension and provide new extension to side (modification of application 2010/00532/FUL).

Mr Stephen Hooper – **50 Fommon Road, Rhose** – replacement of a leaky flat roof with a pitched tiled roof to match existing bungalow roof.

Fitz Project Management – **2 Mallard Way, Penarth** – sustainable family self care disabled bed and living room.

S Morel – **The Old Rectory, St Brides Super Ely** – proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling.

Mr Bagshaw – **2 Stacey Road, Dinas Powys** – proposed two storey side extension to form new kitchen, dining and bedroom with associated works.

Mr Dave Meyer – **Cabot Carbon Ltd, Sully Moors Road, Barry** – new fumed silica burner train with associated support structures and ancillary plant. A new main unit filter, support structure with associated pipe supports. New single storey bag room. New hardstanding, drainage modifications and minor roadway alterations.

Mr Julian Wilkes – **the Walled Garden, Old Coedarhydyglyn, St Nicholas** – removal of temporary consent condition 1 for office building and toolstore, reference 2004/00277/FUL.

Mr Anthony Ferguson – **5 Plas Gwernen, Pencoeetre Village, Barry** – integral garage conversion – change of use to living space.

Mr Solomon – **14 Redlands Avenue, Penarth** – storm porch to front elevation.

MA Hardy Ltd – **New Farm, Port Road, Barry** – agricultural worker's dwelling.

Mr M Jones – **54 Shakespeare Avenue, Penarth** – erection of two storey special needs side extension, single storey rear extension and attic conversion.

Mr Bacon – **2 The Mount, Dinas Powys** – fell two sycamore.

D Thomas – **Castlewood/Castlewood Cottages, Dinas Powys** – cut back overhanging limbs.

Mr Robert Mooney – **The Garth, St Nicholas** – dismantle six conifers, cut main stem close to ground level.

Sankai Restaurant – **46 Plassey Street, Penarth** – removal of condition no 3 of application 1997/00123/FUL to allow takeaway sales.

MA Hardy Ltd – **New Farm, Port Road, Barry** – erection of a harvested biomass storage building.

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Pupils' awards

MANY congratulations to the following pupils of Mynydd Cynffig Junior School who were nominated for impressing the staff at the school last week:

Patricia Davies – class 1, Finley Hampton – class 2, Eloise Abraham-Jones – class 3, Nia David – class 4, Lowri Thomas – class 5, Keiran Thomas – class 6, and William Underhill from class 7. The headteacher's award went to Kieran Thompson.

Congratulations also go to Kelsey Williams, George Buckley, Ewan Orchard, Emmi Joy, Olivia Davies, Isabella Aubin, Patricia Davies, Nia David, Joseph Hardwicke, Grace Griffiths and Ben Mullholland for their excellent behaviour during lunchtimes last week, and as a reward they will be joining Mr Goldsworthy for lunch.

School cooking lessons – so that children could experience cooking in the school, an area that could be used safely and hygienically had to be set up and, thanks to one of the parents, Leigh Griffiths, this has been done and is now ready.

This project has not cost the school a penny after Mr Griffiths contacted Howdens, who donated the units and worktop free, and he also managed to persuade Abby Tiles and Woodcraft to supply the tiles and materials needed to finish off the kitchen area.

The school would like to thank Mr Griffiths, as he also carried out all the work voluntarily during the half-term holiday.

A small cooker has now been purchased with money raised by the PTA.

Food bank – The school has been thanked by the food bank for its contributions. The donation weighed in at 107.4 kilograms, enough to feed 17 people for three days.

Christmas fayre – The date for this year's fayre has been changed, it will now be held on Friday, November 25. If you have any items that can be sold in the fayre (not electrical please), the school would be grateful to receive them.

Pupils' corner – Well done to Scott Roberts in class 5, who has been doing some research and has come up with some interesting suggestions. Class 5 have been discussing the importance of saving water after finding many taps being left on. Mr Goldsworthy's opinion is that they should start

saving up to purchase more efficient taps and toilets, such as dual flush cisterns and automatic taps.

They could even consider the use of rainwater to flush the toilets. All in all, they could possibly save between 200-500 gallons of water a day. If these plans go ahead, it could become a much more economical school.

Kenfig Society

ON November 15, Dick Hunt of Porthcawl will be talking about the Mumbles on the 'Rock and Roll' line.

Terry Robbins of the society said that not many will remember it, but he travelled on it for the last three years of its existence. It should be a very interesting talk and for those wishing to attend, it starts at 7.30pm in the Pyle Life Centre. For more about the Kenfig Society, telephone Terry Robbins on 01656 782351.

Community centre

IT was great to see the youngsters enjoy themselves at the children's Halloween disco in the Talbot on October 31.

Cheryl Butcher did some brilliant and spooky decorations, which the children enjoyed.

She would also like to thank PCSOs Jon Howe and Nerys Lloyd for calling in and judging the best Halloween fancy dress.

Pyle Community Council

BUS shelters and litter bins – Coun Paula James confirmed that BCBC have placed an order with the suppliers to install the shelters.

Due to the delay in the installation of the bins originally requested for Moriah Place and Hazel Grove, it resolved to identify any additional requests for other areas. Councillors were asked to notify the clerk by Friday.

Civic Service – Coun Kay John thanked everyone who made the day a success. The clerk was instructed to send a letter of thanks to the Rev Jonathan Durlay and the Talbot Community Centre for their contribution.

Land opposite Heathbridge Surgery – The recommendations of the sub committee meeting held on

October 22 were as follows: The Square to be known as 'Heathbridge Miners Square' – The main feature to be a coal dram on a dais or



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plinth; suitable signage will dedicate the square to the miners who worked and died in the listed mines.

The area should be resurfaced with tarmacadam. Bollards should be installed around the square to prevent the parking of vehicles.

Three benches, one litter bin and a bicycle rack should be installed. All brickwork and flowerbeds to be renovated.

All the planned work will be subject to the transfer of the land from Bridgend CBC and a thorough financial plan must be approved.

Remembrance Service – The clerk reported that this was all in hand. New service sheets will be produced by the Rev Jonathan Durlay with slight amendments in accordance with an update from the Royal British Legion. An application to close the road has been approved. The application also covers, the switching-on of the Christmas Lights.

Christmas Community Draw – The draw will take place in the Talbot Community Centre on December 9, the night that the Christmas lights will be switched on.

Christmas Lights – BCBC have been instructed to install the Christmas lights, they have also had a request from the clerk for a report on how many sets are still serviceable.

Members reports – Coun Allan John requested that the clerk write to BCBC with reference to the lack of a pavement on a section of Croft Goch Road. The clerk was also asked to restore, 'Rights of Way and Open Spaces' to the agenda.

Correspondence – The council received a letter from the Rev Dr Duncan Walker from the Parish of Pyle & Kenfig, requesting the use of land adjacent to the St James' Church (The Collwyn) as a Graveyard and Garden of Remembrance.

The request could not be granted as there are specific clauses in the deeds of sale and purchase which prevent the change of use.

A letter from BCBC stated that the lane adjacent to Pwlygath Street was one of many such lanes within the bor-

ough and there are no plans to install traffic calming measures. The clerk was requested to reply, pointing out the significant difference between this lane and most others is that the Mynydd Cynffig Junior School's main entrance opens onto it.

Donations – acknowledgements were received from The Samaritans, ATC, Swansea Miners Appeal Fund and Pisgah Chapel.

Requests for a donation were granted to: South Wales Police to fund weatherproof cycle uniforms for the local PCSOs.

It was resolved to send £200, with a further £100 to the Parish of Pyle & Kenfig towards the security work required to prevent further vandalism.

Mynydd Infants ON Wednesday, November 2, years 1 and 2 visited the local library to learn in a fun and interactive way about the facilities, and they also had an opportunity to listen to several stories.

While there, they also learned that children can borrow up to 10 books at a time, for free. The school would like to thank the parents who went along to help, and also the librarians for making it such an informative and exciting session.

The school would like to extend an invitation to any elderly residents who might wish to join them at their informal remembrance service tomorrow Friday, November 11, at 11am.

The PTA annual quiz is being held tomorrow night, Friday, November 11, in the Greenacres Pub, North Cornelly. Tickets are available at £3.50 from Emma Law at the school office. All family and friends are welcome.

Sports Club – Unfortunately due to the lack of interest in 'Clubs 4 Children' the club will not go ahead on Monday.

Food week – National school meals 'Get Travelling' week has been held since Monday. It started the week with a meal from Hong Kong for class 5 on Monday, an Italian meal for class 6 on Tuesday, a Welsh meal

for nursery and C1 nursery on Wednesday, an Indian meal for classes 1, 2 and reception today and will finish tomorrow with a Mexican meal for classes 3 and 4 tomorrow. It will be interesting to see what the children's reaction will be.

In the week beginning Monday, November 14, they will be getting ready for 'Entrepreneur and Fairtrade Week'.

Church concert

WELL done to the Bethel Community Church in Kenfig Hill, for the resounding success of their concert, when they were entertained by the Blessed Ladies Singing Group. They raised a brilliant £210 for Ty Hafan.

Remembrance Sunday

THERE are a few places left for the Remembrance Sunday lunch in the Talbot Community Centre following the service at the War Memorial this Sunday.

It has to be booked in advance, so to avoid disappointment, telephone Cheryl on 01656 749754.

Parish tea

THE afternoon tea and songs of praise recently was a great success.

The Mothers' Union, with Greta and her team, came up trumps in providing a superb cream tea, accompanied by David and the choir who led everyone with some wonderful hymn singing.

The afternoon also raised a magnificent £304 for the church funds.

Congratulations to Father Paul Vann, who received a Defence Council Letter of Appreciation from the Royal Air Force Cadets, for outstanding service.

For details of activities in the parish of Pyle and Kenfig, ring the Rev Dr Duncan Walker on 01656 740500 or 07766 710373

Wellbeing centre

ACTIVITIES being held by the Mental Health Matters, Wales, on November 16 in the Talbot Community Centre, Prince Road, are as follows: Writing with Val – expressive and fun from 1pm-4.30pm, and reading with John from 3pm-4pm.

There is also a great social afternoon from 1pm-5pm when everyone is welcome to enjoy a relaxed afternoon in a friendly environment with a cup of coffee, or join in the various activities that are provided.



ABOVE: Mothers and their children enjoying the halloween party at the Talbot Centre.



ABOVE: Mynydd Cynffig Infants at their local library with (left to right), librarians Diane Apperley, Janet Arbery and Kate Bladon.

Sandville

GWYNETH POACHER, from the Sandville Self Help Centre, and her supporters, will be holding a sale of quality new and nearly new clothes at the Talbot Community Centre, Prince Road, Kenfig Hill from 12pm on Monday, November 14.

Pisgah Chapel

THE Pisgah Ladies Fellowship will hold a coffee evening on November 24 at 7pm, when the new kitchen will be dedicated and officially opened.

Admission is free and all are welcome to join them.

For information regarding this and future activities, telephone either Rhian on 01656 744722 or Karen on 01656 740684.

PACT

meeting THE meeting was informed that two community officers had been transferred from Pyle Police Station:

Mark Child, who had been at the station since November last year, has gone to Maesteg, on response, and Gerry McKay, who has been a very popular officer, and patrolled the village for around 14 years, has also moved on.

He will be missed by everyone who knew him and they would all like to wish him well in his position at the new Hub in Bridgend.

Close Swalec Bowl defeat

LAST Saturday, Cowbridge First XV returned to the Rhondda Fach to play Wattstown in the Second Round of the Swalec Bowl.

Wattstown seized on a chance to attack down the left wing and pass inside to their hooker, who crossed for a converted try.

Over the next 10 minutes, it was constant Cowbridge pressure and a penalty try was awarded, with outside half Ed Lakin adding the extras.

Wattstown's impressive outside half swept it up and then off-loaded to his centre, who burst through for another converted try.

Just minutes into the second half and, after a high tackle, Wattstown's outside half added a penalty.

From the drop out, centre Huw Lougher fielded the ball and put a superb high up and under into the air. Wattstown's full back couldn't hold it and Lougher, following up, gathered the bouncing ball and went over for a try which Lakin converted.

A soft penalty allowed Wattstown to edge ahead but just before the mid point, a Wattstown second row was yellow carded for jumping too early in the line out.

However, the 14 men surprised Cowbridge and they pushed hard to get a psychologically important score.

A forward pass denied the Wattstown right wing a try, but a few minutes later, their tall No 8 went over.

This try was unconverted.

Wattstown had the last word with a try for their inside centre, converted by the No 10. The loss hurt but the performance drew praise from Wattstown, who were promoted last season and lie third in their league, just a couple of points off the leaders. They acknowledged it had been a good battle.

The forwards were excellent to a man and there was some good running and strong defence by the backs, with Pellgrotti and young Rhod Leyshon showing up very well.

There is a real buzz of excitement at Saturday's match away at Cefn Cribbwr.

Cefn are just above us in second position and so we'll have to be on top form with the result being vital to both teams.

RV/RK

Pyle and Kenfig lady vets celebrate with end of season dinner

THE ladies decided not to have a Christmas dinner this year, so opted for an end-of-season carvery instead.

The ladies went out to play in what turned out to be a good morning for nine holes of golf – it didn't rain and no wind!

A total of 30 sat down for the three-course meal which was excellent, and we were well entertained with Jan's quiz and Thelma's jokes.

The first prize went to the team of Sue Richards, Carol Hutchings and Dianne Hubbard with 38 points, and runners-up with 35 points were Del Raikes and Lea Brannon and a 'ghost player'.

This brings our season to a close with five wins, four matches halved, one loss and one cancelled. Well done to all who played.

SUE RICHARDS
(Lady vets captain)



PENCOED RFC ROUND-UP

First team disappoint in Swalec Plate encounter

PENCOED HEOL-Y-CYW

**3
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Pencoed centre Jeff Hobbs looks to break.

THIS was a lacklustre performance from the home side in front of a huge crowd at the Recreation Ground for this Swalec Plate round one match.

Pencoed gifted the visitors two soft scores in the opening period, but to the visitors' credit they thoroughly deserved their victory, scoring four unanswered tries in total.

A yellow card ended any hopes the home side had of getting back into the match, as Heol-y-Cyw scoring almost immediately, and Pencoed heads went down.

To the delight of their many supporters, the visitors went on to dominate the rest of the match, Pencoed creating very little of note.

Fortunately, they will get the opportunity to redeem themselves at Heol-y-Cyw on Boxing Day!

The home side will have to lift their level of performance considerably to get anything at Seven Sisters on Saturday, as Seven are currently third in Division 3 South West.

The Second XV saved the day somewhat, coming from behind to defeat Glyncoedwg 34-21 and maintain their unbeaten start to the season.

Tries came from Tom Drew (two) Jamie Williams (two) Rhys Davey and Aaron Songhurst; Mike Rowe and Liam Halse adding a conversion each.

The side currently top the Mid Glamorgan



Sean Donovan takes a double hit!



Pencoed's scrum-half Ben Read gets the ball away.

Phoenix feel benefit

THIS development match, played over four 20-minute periods, proved to be of great benefit, both clubs preferring this format of roll-on roll-off subs which helps both player and coach.

Phoenix skipper for the day, Katie Murphy at centre, set the tone early with a big hit on her opposite number.

Phoenix went on the attack from the outset and prop forward Leanne Casley capitalised on driving play to cross in the corner.

Soon after, Phoenix flanker Amy Stevens broke some 70 metres out, before being brought down. However, Stevens was not to be denied and popped up again to cross for a superb score.

The university then hit back, their No 12 showing good pace to race over. The Phoenix backs then used the ball well to set up Sarah Hughes, whose pace did the rest.

Alana Shakespeare then showed good commitment at the ruck, taking out a University fringe player in no nonsense manner, before shortly being joined by daughter Georgia to create Phoenix and Pencoed RFC history as the first mother and daughter to play together in a Pencoed side.

The University centre then split the Phoenix defence for a second

CARDIFF UNIV DEVELOPMENT XV
PENCOED PHOENIX DEVELOPMENT

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Mother Alana Shakespeare and daughter Georgia create Pencoed history. PHOTO by JULIE HANCOCK

time, and at the end of the first period, Phoenix led 15-12.

Phoenix debutant Lauren Robson, at centre, then showed good strength, beating off a number of attempted tackles to score from 50 metres, Jade Mullen converted.

Young No 8 Becca Pope was now gaining in confidence, and was prominent with several good carries. The Phoenix pack set up the next score with back rower Natalie O'Shea ferocious in her drive for the line to set up second row Hannah Brunskill, who stretched over in the corner.

Leigh Francis then typified the aggression of the Phoenix pack, drop-

ping her shoulder to flatten a University tackler.

Phoenix led 27-12 at the end of the second period. Skipper Murphy was then driven over to lead 32-12. A well timed pass from Murphy sent Mullen racing over, and Mullen converted with a fine kick.

A determined 20-metre burst from Hughes gave her a second try at the posts, Mullen converted for a 46-12 lead.

Robson then got her brace, before scrum-half Louise Jones set the seal on a fine player of the match performance with the 10th try.

On Sunday, Phoenix resume National league Division 1 action at Gorseinon. **TR**

Game of two halves for Bryncethin under-11s!

A MATCH of two halves saw Bryncethin under-11s travel up the Llynfi Valley.

The Bryncethin forwards were laying an excellent foundation, with strong performances from Dylan Evans, Rhys Davies and Tobias Hunt and this allowed good, clean ball to be produced for the backline.

The ball was spread wide at every opportunity and inevitable scores were only denied by a mixture of good defence from Maesteg and hurried passes causing the ball to go to ground.

There were first starts for Luke Lockyer and Evan Wyatt in the backline, and they both showed tenacity in defence and attack.

Jak Thomas and Josh Napper were also in the thick of things, but somehow, all this good work unravelled half way through the first half when the home side broke away to score.

You could see the Maesteg team visibly grow in confidence now and they started to have belief in themselves. As a result, they went on to score two further tries to

take a 19-0 lead at half-time.

The Bryncethin coaches encouraged the lads to continue to play rugby as they had in the first half, convinced that scores would come.

With renewed vigour, the second half started and it wasn't long before Aaron Thomas battled over to pull a try back for the visitors.

Now with their tails up, Bryncethin scored three further tries. Firstly, Scott Murrell crossed following good work from Finlay Mullens and Daniel Osargie.

Strong running in mid-field from Kieran Dixon gave the team plenty of momentum, giving Luke Thomas an opportunity to score.

Bryncethin's final score came from a train-

ing ground move, with Scott Ryall going over. Crucially, Jack Thomas was successful with all his kicks.

The Maesteg youngsters were committed until the end. They pulled one try back to get within two points of Bryncethin and were pushing right until the end.

Man of the match: Tackled everything and excellent service from young scrum half – Finlay Mullens.

Squad: Daniel Osargie, Aaron Thomas, Luke Thomas, Scott Ryall, Josh Napper, Jack Thomas, Rhys Davies, Finlay Mullens, Tomas Jones, Scott Murrell, Kieran Dixon, Luke Lockyer, Dylan Evans, Jak Thomas, Evan Wyatt and Tobias Hunt. **RH**

Pencoed under-14s in big cup victory

PENCOED welcomed Llangynwyd B to the Woodlands in a cup match.

Pencoed made a good start with Alex Howland scoring a cracking first goal, and Jordan Burrows was next to strike Pencoed's second.

Burrows soon has his second and Lewis Butler was next to score. He got his second soon after, while Mason

Roach bagged two. Pencoed were dominant, with Connor Goldsworthy scoring a lovely goal, Burrows completing his hat trick, as did Mason Roach.

Burrows got his fourth and Goldsworthy his second.

Dylan Barratt, Zack Edwards, Alex Howland and Ben Clarke completed the scoring. **CB**

Bridge Club results

RECENT results for Bridgend Bridge Club, November 2 teams event:

First, Dave Barwood and Jane Brook; second, Linda Pincock and Denis Mottram; third, David Bowen and David Crompton.

Friday, November 4, first, Mary Moore and Wendy Williams; second, Tony Disley and Robert Chalesworth; third, Bill Turner and Ray Smith.

In addition to the regular club nights on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7pm at Nolton Church Hall, there are now lessons for beginners on Wednesday (2.30pm) and improvers on Fridays (7.30pm).

On November 11 and November 16, there will be special evenings for Children in Need – all welcome. **DN**

An October to remember for the Porthcawl RFC under-12s

PORTHCAWL under-12s continued their unbeaten run throughout October with five fantastic wins!

On October 2, they overcame a very stubborn Carmarthen Quins side by 12 points to nil.

The following weekend they triumphed over an improving Maesteg Celtic side by 45 points to nil.

Pencoed were the next side to face this ever improving under-12s team and unfortunately for them, the Seaweeds

were in devastating form, beating the red, white and blues by 24 points to nil.

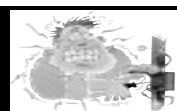
The Green and Blacks' next opponents were a huge Swansea Uplands team, and after a difficult start, especially in the scrums, Porthcawl emerged victors by 49 points to nil.

Close neighbours Tandu were their next victims with Porthcawl producing one of their best performances of the season, prevailing by 52 points to nil. **IB**



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Bridgend Athletic Seconds outlast Cardiff opponents

**BRIDGEND
Athletic Seconds
travelled to St
Peter's, Cardiff,
with a strong
squad of 23 players
for this friendly
game.**

From the whistle, the Athletic were on the offensive and threat-

ened to tear their opponents apart with some incisive handling and running, but the home defence stood firm.

One or two Athletic players could have been accused of hanging on to the ball when there were others in more favourable positions. Their only reward came

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in the form of a penalty goal, kicked by centre Nick Hinton.

St Peter's were able to clear their lines and exert some pressure of their own. First, they forced a five-metre scrum which resulted in a penalty.

Good ruck ball from the tap caught the Athletic mid-field defence ball watching and St Peter's outside centre ambled through a gap for a try under the posts, converted by the fly-half.

This was soon followed by another well-taken try achieved by stretching the Athletic defence.

This stung the Athletic into response. Rod Davies on the right wing stepped out of a tackle and made ground before off-loading to all-action Ben Howe.

The ball was switched to the left where full-back Lance Pemberton looked to have taken the wrong option in not passing, but he stepped inside his man and outstripped the defence to score under the posts for Hinton to convert.

Immediately from the kick-off, a strong drive by Morgan Thomas allowed the ball to be released to Howe, who chipped ahead when challenged.

Flanker Callum MacLeod was in close attendance to field the catch and transferred back to Howe, who galloped in from 30 metres for a try, again converted by Hinton.

The Athletic gave away their slender lead right at the start of the second half when a good run by replacement lock Jamie Doherty was not supported and the Rocks won a penalty.

Smart handling released the right wing for a storming run under the posts for

another converted try.

This at last seemed to sting the visitors into concerted action. Tom Davies replaced the industrious Owen Evans at scrum-half and he was soon sending probing kicks into home territory and encouraging his pack into the attack.

Following a series of drives, Davies was pulled down on a sniping run but the ball was recycled quickly to Pemberton, who fired out a long pass to out-flank the defence and send fly-half Mike Hathaway in for a try.

Again Hinton converted; this time from out wide.

The Athletic scored again when a free-kick led to a quick tap to Hathaway. He drove forward and St Peter's gave away a penalty.

With the defence in disarray, Tom Davies tapped quickly and dived over for another converted try.

It was all Bridgend Athletic now and only the vigilance of the referee in spotting some forward passes saved St Peter's.

Eventually, the dam burst again as the admirable captain Nathan Holman broke clear and although there followed some scrappy handling, the ball eventually reached Rod Davies for the wing to stretch over for a try.

The Athletic wrapped up the scoring when another bout of pressure released the ball quickly to Hathaway, whose mighty pass allowed Davies to nip over for his second.

Doherty's effort at the touchline conversion bounced back off the post.

Next week, the Seconds resume league action against table-toppers Beddau.

MARK DAVIES

Barry RFC under-14s let big lead slip

**BARRY
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comed St Peter's to
the Reservoir Field
last Sunday and,
despite dominating
the game during the
first half, they were
unable to come
away with a win.**

Having narrowly lost 5-7 last season to 'The Rocks', Barry were looking for revenge against a side that has consistently beaten them since their days at mini rugby.

Confidence was high with a record so far this season of 15 wins, one draw and two losses.

Barry started well and passing out to their flyer soon bought home the first try for Callum Mickelson.

His captain, Cameron Gibbon, struck the conversion well and the home team were seven points up.

Barry varied their play, with forwards picking up from the base of the ruck and decisive runs by the midfield, and this confused the opposition.

Even when the Cardiff side punted the ball upfield, this didn't faze Barry, who picked up and ferociously attacked the St Peter's line. With tries apiece for Gibbon and Mickelson, Barry led at half time by 19-0.

However, an air of complacency may have crept into the team and St Peter's soon showed

why they are known as 'The Rocks'.

A positive start saw them close Barry's lead with two converted tries and, with the score now at 19-14, it was game on.

Barry were rattled. Handling errors crept in, tackles were missed and the set piece wobbled with line-outs and scrums coming under pressure. Most concerning was the number of penalties, a symptom of a team under pressure.

Barry did run-in a beautifully-crafted try by Iwan Baker, who showed his skill at number 12 rather than his usual back row position. The conversion by the captain was good and Barry now led 26-14.

However, The Rocks dug deep and weren't put off by Barry's 12-point lead and used the weight of their pack to good advantage to push their No 8 over for a well-deserved score.

A searing run by their left wing in the closing minutes brought them to within two points, and the conversion levelled the score at 26-26.

At the final whistle, St Peter's were jubilant with a performance that saw them claw back a draw.

On the other hand, the Barry boys were bitterly disappointed to lose a game that was, in their view, in the bag.

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Saints slump as the title race is back on

THE Bridgend and District Sunday Premier league was blown wide open as league leaders Saints FC slumped to their first back to back defeats for over two years.

Saints looked to be running away at the top of the league but after successive losses the title race is a much tighter affair, with the chasing pack holding games in hand that could move them within a point of Saints.

Saints returned to the scene of the crime as they travelled to Maerdy again after tasting a heavy defeat there just the week before. Securing any points at all from this tough fixture was the target and revenge from the weekend before would have been a welcome bonus.

Within the opening minutes of the match, Saints were forced to withstand some early pressure from the home side as they looked to continue where they left off.

However, it wasn't long before the roles were reversed as Saints gained control and began to look the most likely to score the opener.

Chance after chance fell to the feet of the Saints forwards but their luck didn't seem to be making an appearance.

The majority of them fell to returning Saints' striker Nick Dyke, who was left wondering what he needed to do to find the net after some important saves from the Maerdy keeper preventing him opening the scoring.

Unfortunately, in what seemed to be a replay of a Maerdy goal last weekend, the Rhondda based team scored on the counter attack after increasing Saints pressure from a corner. The score remained 1-0 until half time.

Once the second half began, the Saints quickly returned with their attacking momentum and again created chances to level the match. Phil Morgan, Leigh Lewis and Dave Geldard found plenty of space out wide and in front of the Maerdy back line, but without finding the crucial last ball until a free kick was won a few yards outside the box on the nearside of the pitch.

Tony Charles and Leigh Lewis stood over the ball with Saints filling the box with as many bodies as they could

afford to push up. Lewis took the responsibility and curled the ball low around Maerdy's defensive wall towards the goal. With Jordan Mortimore almost getting a touch, the ball passed by everyone into the far corner of the net.

With the scores now level, the Saints faced a dilemma – do they fall back and attempt to hang on to the away draw and secure a vital point or go all out for the win and risk conceding? It's not in the Saints' mentality to settle for a point so three points turned to be the target.

Continuing to look strong, Saints pressed forward and almost found a winner with chances from Dyke and Cleave almost putting them ahead.

At the other end, Maerdy looked strong with their counterattacks and ever-consistent Saints goalkeeper, Gareth Richards, kept them at bay, sometimes single-handedly.

Possibly the strongest chance fell to Saints' captain, Nicky Cox after a corner, the resulting goal mouth scramble saw the ball fall to Lewis out wide, who squared the ball to Cox on the edge of the box, who in turn

blasted the ball towards goal only to see it blocked on the line.

With time running out it looked as if both teams would have to settle for a share of the points – it wasn't to be.

With just minutes left on the referee's watch Maerdy found a small opening in the Saints defence with a quick throw that caught Saints out of position, and they were punished unjustly with the late goal.

With the St Athan team stunned by this goal after all their hard work they threw men forward in a hope to save the day with the few minutes remaining.

After a long ball forward and a defensive miscommunication in the Maerdy defence, Dean Cleave looked to have secured a terrific comeback by tapping the ball past the keeper's hand and tapping the ball in from close range.

The referee looked to give goal by pointing towards the centre circle, only for Saints to realise he had given a free kick to the home side and adjudged that the keeper had both hands on the ball and it was kicked out of his hands.

Special mentions to go to Leigh Lewis, Dean

Cleave, Phil Morgan and Jordan Mortimore. Lewis, Cleave and Morgan worked tirelessly with the Saints attack throughout the game and Mortimore, who played at centre-back, moved his impressive goal scoring form for the Saints into a strong defensive display, halting many Maerdy advances.

Man of the match however, went to Tony Charles, whose hard work showed him aid the Saints defensive effort while also seeing him command the midfield and run the game with creative passes and some long range passes thrown in.

Saints will hope this week passes by as quickly as possible and they return to St Athan this weekend, where they hope to continue their one-hundred percent home record against Coedely.

Many thanks to Lafarge Cement (Aberthaw Works), The Kinsale Stone Company (Wales) Ltd for sponsorship of the team and to Roy and Cyndy at the Four Bells, St Athan for their continued support of the team in this new season.

HD

COWBRIDGE SQUASH CLUB ROUND-UP

Bad day for the As, but Cs win

FOLLOWING last week's heroics, Cowbridge A Bar 44 came down to earth with a massive bump at Pontypool (with Blaenavon) A with all five players losing their respective encounters.

Only Simon Payne at No 3 managed to scrape a game in the 1-19 reverse.

The A's were one player short of their strongest line-up with Jon Bisson (no 2) away in the United States but B team No1 Chris Ranger found the pace too hot against the runaway league leaders - going down 2-11, 9-11, 7-11.

Niall Sloan found no joy at No. 4 after a promising first game - 8-11, 3-11, 9-11.

Garfield Leask and Nick Guard at Nos 2 and 1 respectively battled in vain against the unbeaten Pontypool outfit who posted their eighth successive victory.

This result coupled with Rhiwbina B's win over St Mellons C leaves the A's level in the table on 75 points with Rhiwbina while St Mellons trail on 69 points - teams above are 12 and 14 points in front (Merthyr A and Newport D) so there is all to play for!

This week the Bar 44 A team entertain Newport C who are well placed for promotion in second place on 110 points.

With all three Cowbridge teams' fixtures being scheduled for the same Thursday night and various other injury and availability issues, it was decided to rearrange the B's match with Welsh Institute of Sport.

The C's second posted result of the season saw a narrow victory against Cardiff D - sneaking home 3-2 but with good match points 16-10 also with a player missing - regular No2 and skipper

Dave Matthews.

The match was won at positions 3, 4 and 5 with relatively inexperienced team squash players Ed Lowe (5) and Mike Burnett (4) recording excellent 3-1 victories.

Tony Steele fought back from 1-2 down to win 9-5 in the fifth to seal the match victory.

Hugh Wallace and Colin Giles also picked up valuable points at positions 1 and 2 respectively - Wallace winning the first game in his encounter while Giles went down 5-9 in the fifth after clawing back to 2-2.

Table toppers Llanishen C are the visitors to the Athletic Ground for the C Team Shpanham while B Team Bar 44 resume their campaign at Llanishen B.

Club details as usual available from Chairman Clive Prigg (01446 773729) and/or russ.watts@btopen-world.com.

RUSS WATTS

'Goal hungry' Butler scores fine hat trick

DUE to the first team game against Ton Geli being called off due to a water-logged pitch, all attention was turned to Kenfig Hill Seconds, who were playing away to Croeserw, in the Port Talbot & District league.

In an exciting match, goal hungry Jon Butler scored a brilliant hat-trick as they hammered Croeserw 7-0.

A strong defensive display by Neil Price, David McCormick and Kevin Stanton reduced Croeserw's scoring chances, and when they did break through, the ever reliable Roger

Barnes was there to make the save.

The first goal came when a cross by Lee Adams was met by Alex Houston, who hit the net with a powerful header.

Tony Pemberton, who got off his sick bed to play, scored the second after some good link play between veterans Mathew Hickman and Lee Adams.

Jon Butler, who had been out for some time due to suspension and work commitments, put in an excellent performance to score the next three making it 5-0.

The scoring was rounded off by substitute Shaun Wilmot, who scored goal number six with the seventh coming from David McCormick, a goal he fully deserved. Kenfig Hill third team

pulled off a shock win at home to top of the league Goytre, winning 3-2.

It was a very competitive game played in heavy conditions on the comprehensive school pitch with both sides not giving an inch.

Some strange refereeing decisions by the Goytre official, which led to a penalty being awarded against Kenfig, made it an eventful game.

However, they won with goals from Ashley Mullins, Gavin Kinsey and a third from Steve Attwood, who brilliantly fired a shot into the back of the net from 30 metres.

RICHARD SIMS

Llantwit under-11s show off new kit



THE managers and players of Llantwit Major under-11s would like to say a big thank you to The Kings Head, Llantwit Major, who have very kindly sponsored their new playing kit this season.

The team are actively seeking a goalkeeper to join them who must be in year-6 of primary school.

Anyone interested should telephone 01446 795939 and speak to Matthew Jones, team manager.

AH

Local nippers receive grant

WHITMORE Bay Surf life saving club is in hard training for the winter 2011/12 season after receiving a grant from Sports Wales Community Trust.

Whitmore Bay has invested the grant money in 20 pairs of swimming fins, 4 rescue manikins and 6 reduce tubes.

The club has had an incredible successful 2011 summer season, competing at Caswell Bay, Porthcawl, Barry island and St David's nippers competitions.

A large section of the nippers club braved the

elements in St David's camping for a week.

Lloyd James won gold in the 1k long run and bronze in the sprint; Dylan Anderson won the long run and silver the beach flags while Louis Foscolo won gold in the beach flags.

The whole team did incredibly well, ranking high on the overall score board.

The club has grown positively this year with approx 120 members - thank you for the continued support by the parents, Barry round table for the team t-shirts and a huge thank you to all the coaches and committee members.

AF

ATHLETIC UNDER-11S IN EXCITING ENCOUNTERS

THIS week, the Ath under-11s took on Bridgend Sports.

The Sports kicked off and put the Ath under a lot of early pressure. The Ath soaked up the pressure and defended really well and were rewarded with a well taken try from Dan O'Sullivan after some great passing set him free. The conversion was missed making it 5-0.

From the re-start, it was the Ath who managed to gain the ball and attack the Sports' line. Dan O'Sullivan made a great break through the Sports' defence to score his second of the game. Kasari Mehta converted to give the Ath a 12-0 lead.

The Ath got the second half under way and both teams made some great breaks. It was the Ath

who managed to score the next try. The ball was kicked clear from their own 22, and a kind bounce was picked up well by Dafydd Beach who sprinted clear to score. Connor Fabian converted to make it 19-0 to the Ath.

The final try of the game was scored by Megan Webb after some great attacking pressure from the Ath. Connor Fabian converted to make the final score Bridgend Ath 26 Bridgend Sports 0.

Game two saw a change of personnel from both teams and just 15 minutes of play. The Sports kicked off and were straight in to attack.

The Ath put in some great tackles, but were unable to stop the Sports scoring a converted try making it 7-0.

From the re-start, the Sports

managed to regain possession and crash through the Ath defence to score another converted try to extend the lead to 14-0.

The Sports managed to score a third converted try just before the end to make the final score Bridgend Ath 0 Bridgend Sports 21.

Team: Jack Obbard (vice-capt), Gwilym John, Ffion Revill, Teo Fillis, Tom Anthony (capt), Sam Veasey, Connor Fabian, Kasari Mehta, Megan Webb, Dan O'Sullivan, Jamie Marshall, Dafydd Beech, Sion Vigus, Jack Mustoe, Louis King, Brandyn Fookes, Jack Jenkins, James Hermolle, Taine Waite, Charles Creffield, Josh Tidy, Thomas Reed, Will Goodall.

BR

Popham pops in for Q & A forum

ON Saturday, November 12, South Wales Police RFC are holding a fundraising question and answer forum at the Heronston Hotel with former Scarlets, Leeds Tykes, Brive and Wales' international Alix Popham.

There will also be live music supplied by 'Best Supporting Actors', and the evening will see the club make donations to Y Bwthyn Newydd Campus Macmillan Specialist Palliative Care Unit and Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

BS

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Cowbridge under-12s' double victory

THE game between Cowbridge under-12s and Rhiwbina under-12s began with a few minutes of competitive play with both sets of forwards evenly matched.

Excellent probing by Cowbridge half-backs Ioan Lewis and Rhydian Williams frequently tested the Rhiwbina defence. A series of good rucks

by the home pack looked promising but somehow Rhiwbina got the turnover and passed the ball out to their backs.

However, strong defence resulted in Max Cunningham ripping the ball from his opponent and driving ahead for a good 10m.

Some effective counter rucking by Rhiwbina and a lengthy pass to their outside half resulted in him showing his pace against the chasing

Cowbridge backs.

Then, a skilful side-step wrong footed the unfortunate Harrison Ashby and the visitors scored their opening try; the conversion followed for a 7 - 0 lead.

Cowbridge got straight back into the game. Quick ball from Ioan Lewis to outside half Rhydian Williams saw him loop back around the scrum to the narrow side and he raced ahead to score an outstanding try near the posts; Evan Williams converted to level the scores at 7 - 7.

Quick ruck ball was spun out to the backs, with a great pass from Rhydian Williams to Max Cunningham who straightened the line, before passing to Morgan Gore who drew the Rhiwbina winger before supplying the ball to Harrison Ashby.

The Cowbridge speedster then rounded the covering defence to score a superb try beneath the posts. Morgan Gore converted for a 14-7 lead.

After a period of pressure near the visitors' try-line, a pass was intercepted by a fleet-footed Rhiwbina player who, despite the determined efforts of the chasing Max Cunningham and James Guard, ran almost the length of the pitch to score a converted try for a 14-14 half-time score.

The stage was set for an exciting second half. From a defensive scrum, Ioan Lewis fed

Evan Williams on the narrow side who made good ground. Effective rucking supplied quick ball to the half backs and a pass to Max Cunningham, who dramatically cut back inside and drove forward for 10m, well supported by Jac Roberts and Jake Griffiths.

A good take at the line-out by Jake Griffiths who drove ahead, and an offload to Dan Marshall, continued the forward momentum.

There was good support by Ellis Simon who off-loaded to Ioan Lewis and he passed to the mercurial Rhydian Williams. Rhydian drew two boys before passing to Harrison Ashby, who rounded his opposite number to score an unconverted try in the corner.

The final whistle blew with the home team victorious at 19-14.

First match: (1) Dan Marshall, (2) Max Lucas, (3) Dan Taylor, (4) Ellis Simon, (5) Cameron Roy, (6) Jake Griffiths, (7) Sam Corkill, (8) Jac Roberts, (9) Ioan Lewis, (10) Rhydian Williams, (11) James Guard, (12) Morgan Gore, (13) Max Cunningham, (14) Harrison Ashby, (15) Evan Williams.

The second game saw changes in personnel with Tom Jose, Tom Coates, Dylan Cottle, Sam Black, Angus James, Rhys Davies and Luc Beatie taking the field.

A Cowbridge tap-penalty and run by Rhydian Williams at scrum-half made good ground. Quick recycling and a determined drive by Jake Griffiths took the ball further into the visitor's half.

However, Rhiwbina regained possession, the relieving kick being caught by Angus James who courageously counter-attacked.

A Rhiwbina infringement resulted in a penalty with Evan Williams kicking the ball over the cross bar for a three point

lead.

The Rhiwbina restart was again caught by Evan Williams. He was superbly supported by Tom Coates, who continued the forward momentum up-field.

A period of pressure by the visitors resulted in a penalty to Rhiwbina which they ran. Despite some resolute defence some quick ruck ball was passed along the Rhiwbina backs with their centre scoring a converted try for 3 - 7 victory.

ML

Bees back on victory trail

BARRY Bee's under-9s travelled to Pencoed for two tough fixtures.

After a run of close defeats it was vital that the Bees rediscovered their winning form.

The first match against Pencoed was a close encounter, with handling mistakes by the Bees costing them vital possession and points.

Barry scored early with a try from Seb Fahiya, but Pencoed responded well and took a 3-2 lead, with the other Barry try from Cole Saunders.

Barry finished the stronger, eradicating the mistakes, with further tries from Reece Lloyd and Jacob Pereira ensur-

ing a winning start.

Barry were more dominant in the second games against Kenfig Hill, but found themselves 4-3 down after a fine Kenfig breakout try.

This spurred Barry into action and they finished with three unanswered tries to win 6-4.

Cian Anderson, who was the linchpin of the team scored two, with Stephen Williams, Seb, Cole and Reece also scoring.

This was the best performance of the season so far, with all the team contributing positively in both games; this bodes well for the rest of the season.

JM

Fennis Boy is a success for Aberthin's Tim

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan had only one runner at Market Rasen last Sunday and that was Fennis Boy, which won the first Security Novices Hurdle under Irishman Dougie Costello.

Top weighted seven-year-old Fennis Boy, a winner of its previous race, scored by three-and-a-half lengths from Denton and went off the 5-6 odds-on favourite.

The same race went to the Vale of Glamorgan and in last year's race the Evan Williams trained Get It On was successful.

EVAN'S HEREFORD DOUBLE
Llancarfan's Evan Williams saddled the first two winners at Hereford Racecourse on Monday.

He won the BetMobileAtVictorChandler.Com Novices Hurdle with Oscar Sunset and the BetLiveAndInPlayAtVictorChandler.Com handicap chase with Bay Central.

The former won by three and three quarter lengths from GodsMeJudge, and the latter romped home 19 lengths ahead of Chilbury Hill.

Evan is the leading trainer at Hereford and both horses were ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney who later made it a treble when winning on RoseNeath for Alex Hales.

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan fielded two runners in the six horse DiglBet.Com Selling Hurdle and his German-bred Khorun finished first under Richard Johnson, while his second string Erdell took third place.

Congratulations go to Bargoed's Robbie Williams who chalked up his first win over the jumps when winning the PlayCasinoAtVictorChandler.Com handicap hurdle on his grandfather Bernard Llewellyn's Bazart.

Robbie, 17, is the reigning Amateur Jockey's Flat Racing Champion.

BRIAN LEE

Atoms grow!

THE Atoms took a huge step into the rugby heartland against Llantwit Fardre.

The first game was played at break neck pace with Atoms scoring the first try through some power play with great pressure.

Fardre countered with a try of their own but this only seemed to sting the Atoms who then threw some great team play into action scoring a further three tries.

The second half continued with Atoms pressure resulting in another 4 tries to Fardre's solitary try, the game finishing 8 - 2.

This was a strong result with some fabulous team play with a few outstanding tries - but take nothing away from a side who are a team first and foremost.

Try scorers: D.Griffiths (2), J.Couch, O.Smith, D.Wall, Z.Fifield, C.Denbury, E.Galsworthy.

The second game went back and forth, the first half finishing two tries to one in favour of Fardre.

In the second half it was more of the same and this game finished 4-2 to Fardre.

The future is looking very bright for this young side who continue to take huge steps forward.

Try scorers: E. Galsworthy, F. Giosanou. **Squad:** J.Jones, C.Denbury, J.Parry, J.Couch, G.Mitchem, J.Williams, Z.Fifield, D.Wall, O.Smith, D.Parry-Griffiths, M.Boffy, I.Escott, F.Samad, F. Giosanu, E.Galsworthy, J.Reid, R.Rendell.

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RAF St Athan Wayfarers can hold their heads high

NEWPORT was the destination for RAF St Athan Golf Club's Wayfarers section when they came up against the Vale of Glamorgan in the Brian Hardwick Memorial Cup.

This match was the culmination of 32 golf clubs from around south Wales playing in a four-somes matchplay knockout competition. RAF St Athan Wayfarers, under the captaincy of Shaun Wilson, won four and drew one of their matches in the knockout stages; Maesteg, Alice Springs, Pontypool, Newport and Aberdare



The Vale of Glamorgan players gather to celebrate.

respectively.

The semi-final against Newport was played on a neutral course, Forest Hills in Gloucestershire being the venue. A close game throughout, three of the matches were resolved on the last green, with

RAF St Athan jubilant to clinch the 3-2 win.

Only being a 9-hole course, albeit a challenging 6,200 yards with tree-lined fairways and first-rate putting surfaces, RAF St Athan Golf Club is very proud of the achievements of

the Wayfarers section.

The Wayfarers have managed to reach the finals of the Memorial Cup twice in as many years and having already beaten their opponents, the Vale of Glamorgan, twice in the League this season, the players were hoping for a hat-trick against them.

Thanks go to the supporters who descended on Newport Golf Club and to Jon Pengelly for transporting the team in a timely fashion to and from the neutral venue.

The players from both teams played some exceptional golf. RAF St Athan's first pairing, Gwyn Favell and Gary Bohun, quickly sealed an impressive win but it was 'nip and tuck' throughout the majority of the following four games.

JWG Morgan and Terry Punter applaud their opponents for the fantastic challenge and manner in which their game was played, going to the last putt which resulted in a halved match.

The third match saw Taff Edwards and Keiron Whilding one down on the 18th tee, but unfortunately could only manage to halve the last which gave the win to the opposition.

At this stage, both teams were fully aware of what was happening with the last two matches: the RAF St Athan golfers knew that the fourth pairing, Shaun Wilson and Ryan Harris had already lost. They were hopeful that Steve Hopkins and Hugh Williams could therefore beat their rivals,

forcing the whole match into a sudden death situation

Unfortunately, their game was lost on the 17th, resulting in a 3 1/2 - 1 1/2 win to the Vale of Glamorgan, who must be congratulated on winning the 2011 Brian Hardwick Memorial Cup.

Wayfarers' captain Shaun Wilson takes this opportunity to thank the members who have represented and supported the section throughout the season and wishes them well throughout 2012.

RAF St Athan Golf Club is proud of all its sections and welcomes new players of all ages and abilities. For further information, contact the club manager on 01446 751043.

CAROL MORGAN



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THERE'S a reason why well over six million Mitsubishi Lancers have been sold.

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The first generation Lancer was introduced in 1973 and its continuing popularity resulted in the current ninth generation model being launched in 2007.

A year ago, the Juro diesel was added to the range as a sportback alternative to the saloon. Where curves seem to be more fashionable than straight lines and angles in car design, Mitsubishi continues to stand its ground by manufacturing boxier designs that successfully stand out from the competition.

It's not uncommon for manufacturers to borrow designs and it's interesting to note that the boot on the Juro has hints of the rally-favourite first generation Subaru Impreza estate about it.

When you learn that the Juro is based



MITSUBISHI LANCER.

by **TIM SAUNDERS**

on the rally-bred Lancer Evolution model with its rigid chassis and sophisticated four-wheel independent suspension, it is as if the two cars are very similar indeed.

Juro drivers certainly feel they are inside something rather special – particularly when occupants of more expensive vehicles find it hard to take their eyes off it.

It's a good size hatchback, incorporating comfortable and supportive leather seats and a large boot. The dashboard is well set out and simple to use although the digital clock on the central display should be in a more prominent position.

Air conditioning and satellite navigation are fitted as stan-

dard. My only qualm is that on a cold morning, the front and rear windscreens take too long to demist.

The leather steering wheel includes controls for both the stereo and the cruise control – I find the cruise controls on Mitsubishi's among the easiest to use. When the Juro is locked, the wing mirrors automatically fold up, which is a particularly useful feature if parked on a busy main road, helping prevent costly broken wing mirrors.

If anything, this boisterous front wheel drive with its punchy 2-litre diesel unit has a little too much power when accelerating

between second and third gear. Typically if the driver puts their foot to the floor when pulling off from a roundabout in the rain the wheels spin, which is a little unnerving. However, the Juro has a surprisingly tight turning circle, useful in car parks and parking in tight spots.

Parkers, the car experts, write: "The Mitsubishi Lancer is best known when it's in high performance Evo guise, but these models usually overshadow the standard model. In fact, the normal Lancer is a good family car that comes well equipped, has decent rear passenger space and is good to drive, too."

"The styling echoes the Evo X with an

aggressive nose and a rear spoiler, but it is let down inside with a drab and slightly dated interior which lacks finesse. Still, the Lancer does come well equipped and is available with a strong diesel engine, borrowed from Volkswagen.

The saloon bodystyle isn't ideal for practicality, but certainly looks neater than the ungainly Sportback variant."

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Tim's 20-1 winner

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SAQIL, an American-bred three-year-old trained at Aberthyn by Tim Vaughan and ridden by 3lb claiming jockey Richard Killoran, caused something of a surprise when landing the Countryside Alliance Juvenile Hurdle at Warwick last week.

Prominent throughout the two miles of the race, Saqil won by two lengths and a half length from Captain Loui, who is trained by Welsh trainer Dai Burchell.

Saqil, owned by the Optimum Racing Syndicate, must have been fancied by some of the syndicate's members as it was backed from 28-1 to 20-1, and those lucky punters who bet the horse on the tote were rewarded with odds of almost 38-1!

However, the bookmakers took no chances about another one of Tim's horses, *Aland Islands*, which ran at far flung Hexham last Friday. A 10-1 favourite, *Aland Islands*, partnered by Richard Johnson, won the novices' hurdle race by a length - and three quarters from *Ebony River*.

Local team star in police Futsal games

A TEAM of female police officers from South Wales Police once again represented the force at the World Police Futsal games in Amsterdam in October.

They joined teams from police forces from across the globe in the annual competition between Australia, New Zealand, Paraguay, Brazil and the Caribbean.

A squad of seven players, mainly from Central BCU, competed well in a number of close matches and eventually came out in ninth position of a total entry of 25 teams in their category.

Barry-based DC Judith Nunn said: "This is the biggest competition of its kind. Almost 3,000 colleagues from all over the world took part in the 29th World Police Indoor Soccer Tournament. There are three competitions, men, woman and men over 35."

"As well as competing against some individual force teams, we came up against a number of national police squads and acquitted ourselves well in all our matches."

"We had to raise the funds to attend the competition ourselves and we are very grateful to our team sponsor, Gemmak Industrial from Bridgend, who were very generous in their support."



The South Wales Police squad which took part in the world police indoor soccer tournament.

Heavy rain fails to deter golfing farmers

HEAVY rain falling in south Wales last Thursday morning posed a few problems for the 36 members and guests of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society en route to Newport, (Rogerstone) to play their monthly competition, which had been postponed from the previous Thursday.

The decision of acting secretary Neil Mclean to proceed with the day's event was fully justified, when clear skies appeared as the first group headed for the first tee.

Considering the amount of rain that had fallen in the Newport area in the preceding 24 hours, the course was in magnificent condition, allowing everyone to enjoy the day's event kindly sponsored by local NFU Mutual Insurance agents Julian Kelly and David Harris.

In the members' section, veteran golfer John Davies, who will shortly celebrate his 77th birthday, once again demonstrated his full repertoire of shot making scoring 33 stableford points to win the NFU Mutual Trophy. John also collected a top of the range slow cooker for his beloved wife Janet.

Society president Geraint Davies, following his excellent win at last month's meeting at Morlais Castle, was again in sparkling form, scoring 32 points to finish runner up.

A new set of clubs, a new electric trolley and a brand new top of the range golf bag, purchased quite recently, has certainly proved a wise investment for Siginist resident Geraint.

Keith Davies (also with 32 points) finished third, just ahead of fourth placed Chris Rooney, whose last

minute decision to participate was a talking point at the 19th hole!

Society treasurer and current Segway riding enthusiast, Reg Davies, finished fifth, also with 31 points.

A superb round by 16 handicapper Matthew Hutton-Rees who scored 39 points including an eagle on the par five fourth hole, easily won the guest section – six points clear of Tair Onen resident Tony Fox, the runner-up. Barrie Melhuish with 31 points finished third.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Godfrey Lewis, Neil Mclean, Lyn Thomas, Clive Edwards and Keith Walker, whose mode of transport in getting to the course was the subject of much discussion!

Coun Ray Thomas once again demonstrated his knack of correct decision making when guessing 20 balls would remain in the adjoining county, to win the 'Premier Turf' sponsored last ball competition.

Llancade farmer David Williams won the 'James hog Roast' sponsored longest drive competition.

In addition to the individual prizes participants also competed for team prizes.

Winners of the team prize with 99 stableford points, were John Davies, Clive Edwards, Keith Walker and Glyn Watts-Jones. In second place with 93 points, were Geraint Davies, Clive Thomas and Matthew Hutton-Rees.

In third place with 91 points, were David Williams, Jim Hayes, Tony Fox – and guest Chris Watson, whose pre-match preparation was severely hampered, following a recent argument with a wardrobe door resulting in a broken big toe!!

Coun Ray Thomas, joined with father and son pairing of Keith and Jamie Gibson picked up the best endeavour prizes of complimentary NFU Mutual carrier bags, when scoring 76 points.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 24 at Whitechurch Golf Club, sponsored by Herbert R Thomas & Co Ltd of Cowbridge.

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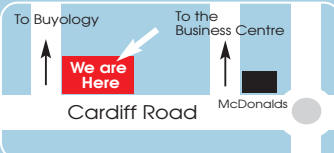
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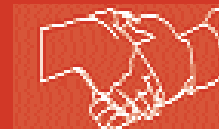
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GEM sport

Missed kicks crucial as Athletic come close against Ammanford

AMMANFORD 29
BRIDGEND ATHLETIC 22

DUE to a major refurbishment at the Bridgend Athletic clubhouse, the fixture venue with Ammanford was reversed with the Athletic travelling to their West Wales rivals.

Although both sides crossed for four tries each, earning themselves bonus points, the game did not live up to its bonfire night occasion with very little fireworks from both sides.

The occasional flares were interspersed with a series of errors from both sides and the Athletic had to settle for two points.

The Athletic failed to land a kickable penalty in the first minute, then in the third minute, a break from centre James Olds should have led to a try – but the final pass went astray.

It wasn't until the 25th minute that the scoreboard started to move. Olds once again made the break from halfway which was halted five metres short.

Quick ruck ball saw the impressive prop Rod Apsee win the ball and feed wing Michael Powell who put the overlapping centre Stuart Morris over in the corner. This revitalised the home side and following

a spell of pressure, prop Wyn Jones forced his way over. Thomas Marks converted to put Ammanford 7-5 ahead.

A missed tackle in the Athletic back line paved the way for centre Gary Stevens to cross for a second Ammanford try, again converted by Marks.

Good play on halfway by Olds saw full-back Rhys Jones take an inside pass and outstrip the defence to cross in the corner for his ninth try of the season. Outside-half Cory Butler converted from the touchline to leave the Athletic trailing 14-12 at half-time.

The Athletic started the second half brightly and from a series of 5-metre thrusts, hooker Simon Mustoe forced his way over to put his side 17-14 ahead.

The Athletic failed to capitalise and wing Ashley Evans broke away from inside his own half to cross for Ammanford's third try, converted by Marks to regain the home side's advantage at 19-17.

Back came the Athletic and a chip ahead by Butler was gathered 40 metres out by Olds on the touchline. The centre did well to stay inside the touchline and elude two tacklers to cross for the Athletic's bonus point try

and re-establish the lead at 22-19.

Ammanford responded with a try from centre Matthew Lemon, converted by Carwyn Richards, who also kicked a penalty to put Ammanford 29-22

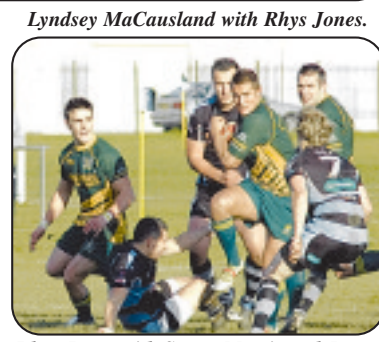
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Lyndsey MaCausland with Rhys Jones.



Tom Parry.



Rhys Jones with Stuart Morris and James Olds in support.

ahead.

Only then did the Athletic produce the fireworks needed on the day. For the last five minutes, they pounded the Ammanford line and should have crossed for their fifth try. However, a combination of good defence and white line fever when the Athletic spurned clear overlaps, prevented the Athletic saving the game.

In the end, goalkeeping proved decisive as Ammanford converted more tries and kicked their penalty.

For the Athletic, in the back division centre Olds was good in attack and full-back Rhys Jones again turned in an excellent display. Prop Rod Apsee was man of the

match and the Athletic October player of the month with good support from fellow front row forwards Simon Mustoe and Dan Suter, while lock Kyle Galtry was also in the thick of the action.

A positive was the return to first team action of wing Lyndsey MaCausland for the first time this season following a long term injury sustained at the end of last season. Once he acquires match fitness, Lyndsey will be a big boost to the Athletic's attacking potential.

This Saturday, the Athletic journey three miles up the road for an eagerly anticipated derby with Tandu.

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Youngsters hit the Liberty!

BRIDGEND Sports Youngstars under-8s once again hit the big time on Saturday, playing at the Liberty Stadium.

The under-8s team were invited for a second time to play a game of tag rugby, as part of the Ospreys Community Scheme during half-time at the Pro 12 Ospreys vs Scarlets match.

All the boys were very excited to be playing such a large venue and even though they lost 4-1 to Taibach, their spirits were not dampened.

Coaches Dai Rees, Paul Peters and John-Mark Thomas were extremely proud of the boys and impressed with the way they represented Bridgend Sports Youngstars.

SP



Captain Mattie Davies jumping in the lineout and about to pass to Lloyd Long.

Porthcawl RFC progress in duck-friendly weather!

PORTHCAWL 8
ALLTWEN 3

IT wouldn't be a Cup-tie without wet and levelling conditions and this tie between Porthcawl and their Division 5 South West visitors was no exception.

Although the afternoon itself was sunny, the conditions were still showing signs of rain up to the match and the forward battle that was to ensue, with it being a day more for ducks than for adventurous back-play.

It's the Porthcawl pack that has done well in recent weeks and with Lloyd Long again assuming the mantle of chief ball-carrier, the Seaweeds deservedly took the lead after 15 minutes with a penalty from the returning Matthew Owen for 3-0.

Both packs looked to set platforms only to see how difficult handling conditions were behind and at the break it was just Owen's kick that separated the sides.

The second half started and continued very much along the lines of the first spell, with little to excite either set of supporters. However the Porthcawl mantra of try, try and try again was rewarded when full-back Ollie Jones, back from injury, brought some home relief to lighten the spirits with an unconverted try, for 8-0, which proved to be the main highlight of the half.

Alltwen did secure a modicum of consolation with a late penalty but it is the Seaweeds who will enter the draw for the next round.

In the meantime, the Seaweeds travel to Banwen for a league match on Saturday. TW



Matthew Owen with the ball.
PHOTOS by TRACEY WILLIAMS.

Bridgend athletes star

ON Sunday, November 6, four Bridgend athletes travelled to NIAC, UWIC, Cardiff to compete in the Welsh Athletics Combined Events Competition which incorporated the Welsh Schools Combined Events Competition.

Athletes from all over Wales travelled to Cardiff for this, the first indoor competition of the season.

Rhys Roberts under-

15/under-16B, Jack Hogan under-17M, Annabel Curle under-16G and Lora Roberts under-18G were faced with a harsh and demanding day with all athletes competing in five events (pentathlon).

Rhys and Jack's events were shot putt, 200m, 60m hurdles, long jump and 800m and Annabel and Lora's events were shot putt, high jump, 60m hurdles, long jump and 800m.

Rhys had a brilliant competition and although competing in the younger age group, showed true grit gaining a personal best (PB) in the 800m and finished in 11th place in the schools' competition and sixth in the Welsh Champs.

This was the first combined events competition for Jack, who finished in fourth place in the Welsh Championships. Jack gained personal bests in the 60m hurdles, shot

putt, long jump and 800m.

The first of the Bridgend female contenders, Annabel, gave a strong performance gaining a PB in the 60m hurdles and adding nearly 200 points to her pentathlon PB. She finished in fifth place, narrowly missing fourth place by 22 points.

Experienced multi-eventer Lora gained three PBs in the hurdles, shot and long jump.

Lora was in first place after two events and then dropped to third place in the third and fourth events, but after a winning time in the 800m race, finished in second place.

Lora's success in the competition has gained her qualification for the Welsh Schools' team which will be competing in Glasgow on December 3; well done and good luck to all four athletes.

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